AFP captures MILF complex in Central Mindanao

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Anti-war protests sweep world

ANTI-WAR protests Saturday drew hundreds of thousands of people in cities around the world—from London to Canberra to Hong Kong—united in their opposition to a threatened US-led strike against Iraq.

The British capital saw one of the largest marches for peace on a day of global protest—at least a million people,

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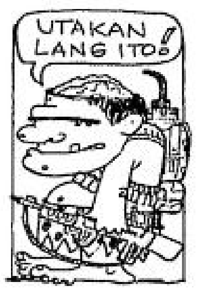
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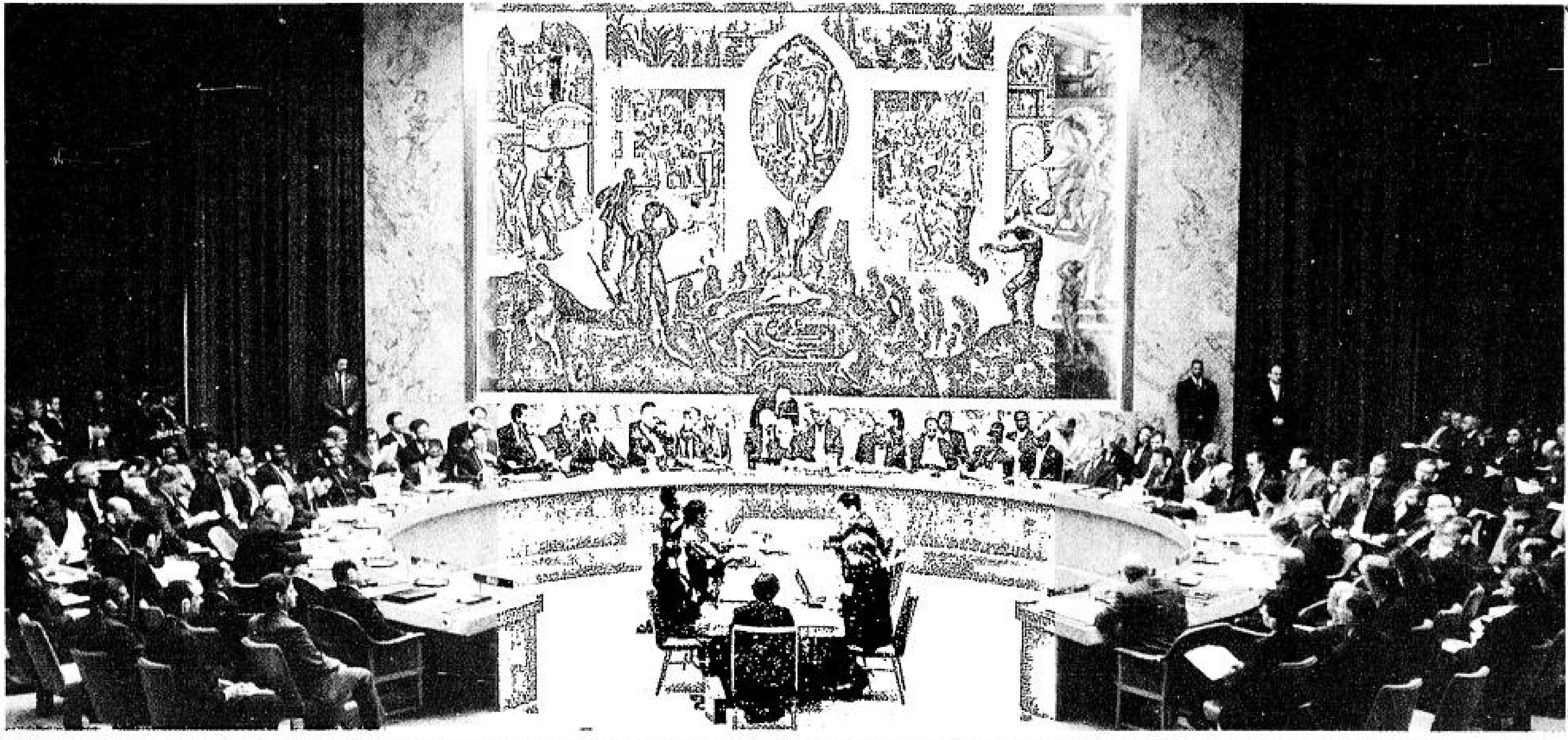

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THE DRUMS of war are muted Friday as speaker after speaker at the UN Security Council rebuffs the American position that Iraq had run out of time to comply with disarmament resolutions.

WHY US WILL LOSE VOTE

THE FOLLOWING are the different-views of the 15 members of the United Nations Security Council regarding US military action in Iraq:

The five permanent members with veto power:

- **The United States:** Believes that Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction, is failing to cooperate with weapons inspectors and is violating its obligations under UN resolutions. Says it already has Security Council authorization to use military force to disarm Iraq.
- **Russia:** Says there is no evidence that Iraq is rearming. Says inspections are working and should continue.
- **China:** Believes that inspections are starting to work and Iraq can be disarmed peacefully. Wants inspectors to be given more time to do their jobs.
- **Britain:** Prefers a second Security Council resolution authorizing any military action, but

WHY/ A17

UN to US: No Iraq war

Arms inspectors tear apart Powell arguments

UNITED NATIONS—The prospect of war in the Middle East waned somewhat Friday with UN weapons inspectors failing to give the United States the ammunition it needs to galvanize support for a military strike on Iraq.

In a dramatic showdown at the UN Security Council, major powers rebuffed the United States and insisted on more time for weapons inspections. "The use of force against Iraq is not justified today; there is an alternative to war, and that is to disarm Iraq through inspections," French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said in remarks that won applause not normally permitted in the chamber.

Chief UN arms inspector Hans Blix told the Security Council that there was improved cooperation by the Iraqi government and that no weapons of mass destruction had thus far been found.

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said his own inspectors found no evidence of Iraq's supposed resumption of its atomic weapons program but that some areas still needed to be investigated.

In a surprise move, Blix chose to address some of the evidence against Iraq that Secretary of State Colin Powell presented to the Security Council last week.

Pointing to one case that Powell highlighted using satellite photos of a munitions depot, Blix said: "The reported movement of munitions at the site could just as easily have been a routine activity" rather than one designed to hide banned materials before inspections.

"In no case have we seen convincing evidence that the Iraqi side knew in advance that the inspectors were coming," he said.

Considering the strong anti-war response in the Security Council, it appeared highly unlikely that the United States could muster the nine votes needed to authorize war now.

Powell sat silently as speaker after speaker rejected the US position that Iraq had run out of

UN/ A17

"BLIXED" by the report of chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix (right, with Mohamed Elbaradei), the US still says it will act on Iraq issue "within weeks." AFP

Goodbye, Dolly: 1st cloned mammal put to death

EDINBURGH—Dolly the sheep, the first mammal to be successfully cloned from an adult cell, has been put to death after she was found to have a lung disease, the Roslin Institute in Scotland's capital Edinburgh said on Friday.

"She was suffering from an incurable disease," said Dr Harry Griffin, after Roslin released a statement saying the decision had been taken to put Dolly down after she contracted progressive lung disease.

Dolly's creator, Professor Ian Wilmut, told Agence France Presse it was "perhaps slightly young" for the 6-year-old sheep to contract the illness, amid concerns that she had suffered premature aging.

Dolly's birth in July 1996 from the breast cell of a 6-year-old adult ewe made scientific history and her death at six years old had serious implications and poses deep concerns over the science of cloning.

"Sheep can live to 11 or 12 years of age," said Griffin.

Griffin said that Dolly was suffering from a virus-induced lung cancer that had been diagnosed in the past several months in other sheep housed with Dolly. Two other sheep and two lambs with the same disease were put to death in previous months, Griffin said.

"Lung infections are common in older sheep, particularly those housed inside. A full post mortem is being conducted and we will report any significant findings," he said.

Griffin said that Dolly had been coughing for about a week before the vet came Friday afternoon and a CT scan was conducted.

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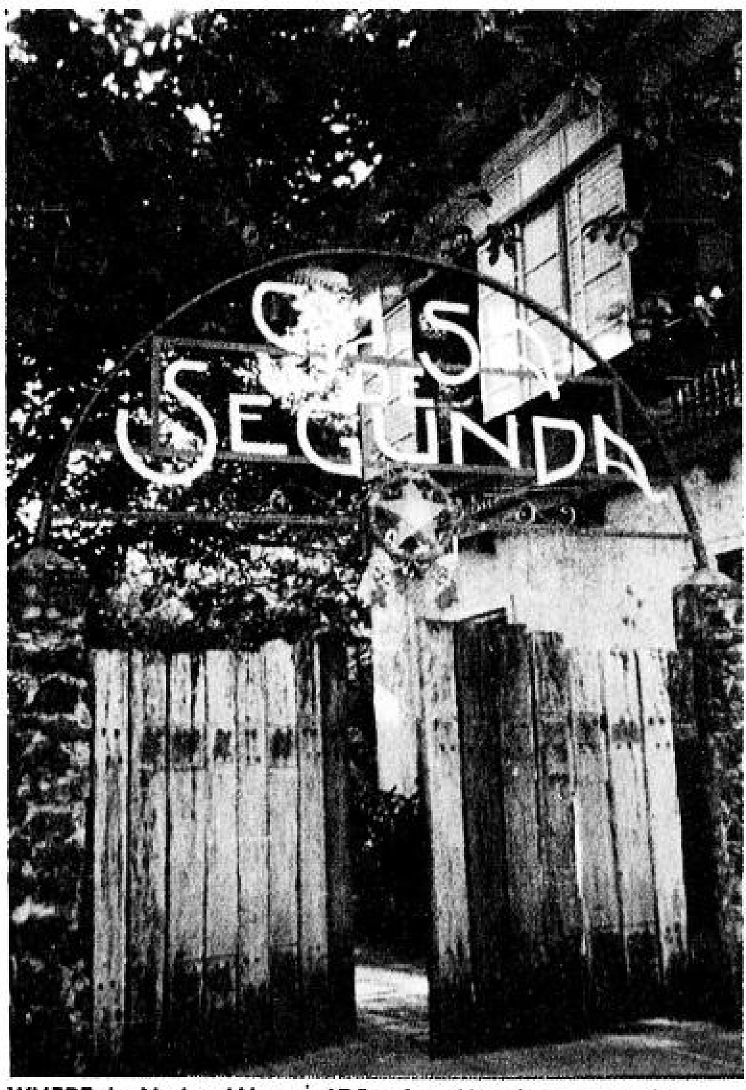

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WHERE the National Hero at 17 first found love is now a tourist destination in Lipa City. ***(More photos on Page A18).***

LIPA'S LANDMARK

Segunda was Jose Rizal's first love, first heartbreak

By Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LIPA CITY—At No. 198 Rizal St. here is a *"bahay na bato"* where the first love of Dr. Jose Rizal had lived.

Its association with the national hero has made it a tourist attraction. Busloads of visitors from all over the world are a regular sight at Casa de Segunda, named after Segunda Katigbak.

Built in the 1880s, the house was partly damaged in 1942. It was remodeled in 1956 by Segunda's daughter Paz Luz-Dimayuga.

Paz's grandchildren restored the house to its original grandeur in 1995. That same year, the National Historical Institute (NHI) declared Casa de Segunda a historical landmark.

The house of proud spirits was the same house where Rizal lost his "spirit."

Lilet Malabanan, Segunda's great granddaughter, said her family had reason to believe that Rizal and Segunda had fallen in love with each other. In the sixth chapter of Rizal's memoirs, written in Spanish when he was just 17, the story of his first love began in 1877, right after he graduated from Ateneo and while he was on his first year at the University of Sto. Tomas.

Segunda was a sister of Rizal's board mate Mariano. At their first meeting, Rizal described her as "a young girl, perhaps about fourteen of age, virginal, attractive, engaging."

Rizal said Segunda was "rosy cheeked, with an enchanting and provocative smile that revealed very beautiful teeth, and the air of a sylph; her entire self diffused a mysterious charm." In his memoirs, Rizal called Segunda Ms K.

When Rizal first met Segunda she was with a neatly dressed tall man, who he said seemed to be her fiancé. That early, Rizal knew that Segunda was about to be married to a relative.

Rizal was so enthralled by Segunda's beauty that their companions asked him to draw her portrait.

Manuel Luz, Segunda's fiancé, played chess with Rizal. Since he was distracted by Segunda's presence, Rizal lost the game. Rizal noted that Segunda had looked at him from time to time, making him blush.

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SEGUNDA KATIGBAK: "Her entire self diffused a mysterious charm." PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Australian finds RP a safe place

By Mathew Murphy

WITH the closure of the Australian Embassy a month before I was to travel to the Philippines, I was naturally a little concerned about my safety.

The embassy had said the information they received had pinpointed a "direct and specific threat." That sounded a bit frightening.

However, my instincts as a journalist made me all the more enthusiastic to travel to the Philippines. A possible threat would make things interesting.

The images I had of becoming a pioneering reporter, dodging bullets and escaping kidnapping situations were a trifle optimistic. I might have been Australian, but I was far from being Russell Crowe.

Since my arrival here in mid-January, I have realized that danger was not on the doorstep of the Philippines. Not once did I feel myself to be in danger. In fact, the place felt like home to me.

I don't see the Philippines to be more dangerous than any other country. People do need to be extra cautious, but that should not stop you from living to the fullest.

In these days of heightened global uncertainty and with the looming war with Iraq, it is expected that people become more cautious. It is a terrifying situation for many; danger can occur

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Second FRONTPAGE

Military overruns entire MILF complex

PIKIT, North Cotabato—The military yesterday announced the capture of the entire Buliok Complex, a stronghold of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front in Central Mindanao, after intense shelling and ground assaults this week that reportedly left almost 200 people dead.

"We are now in control of the complex. We are conducting clearing operations to search for weapons, bodies and booby traps," said Southern Command chief Gen. Narciso Abaya.

The Buliok complex is a sprawling 200-hectare area that extends from the towns of Pikit to Pagalugan in the Liguasan Marsh in North Cotabato province.

Col. Carduzo Luna, commander of the Army's 602nd Infantry Brigade, who calls the complex the "cherry of the ice cream," said the rebel stronghold fell at about 2:30 p.m. yesterday.

Harassment continues

Military spokesperson Maj. Julieto Ańdo said the fighting, which began on Tuesday, had largely subsided but the MILF continued to harass military positions.

Occasional gunfire and shelling could be heard about 2 km from Bago Ingid, where the military found abandoned MILF clothing and ammunition in foxholes.

"They have no more food, they have no more ammunition. They are on the run now," Ando said.

Eid Kabalu, the MILF spokesperson, denied, however, that any of their camps had been captured. He said that what the military calls the Buliok complex was Barangay Kabasalan which has never hosted an MILF camp.

"The Philippine flag was being raised there everyday," he said.

He said MILF fighters in Kabasalan were actually residents there but have since moved out after the guerrillas adopted other tactics.

The Armed Forces tally since Tuesday recorded a total of 157 rebels and three soldiers killed, with 55 government troops and two militiamen injured.

The corpses of only 43 guerrillas had been found, but the death toll made the hostilities the most serious flare-up of the 25-year MILF rebellion since 2000, when the military seized more than 40 MILF camps.

Kabalu admitted to only 40 MILF rebels killed and accused the military of inflating their figures.

More than 41,000 people have fled their homes due to the fighting this week, relief workers said. At least three children have died of illness in the evacuation camps.

Government officials yesterday expressed hope for the revival of negotiations with the MILF despite the fighting which shattered a fragile ceasefire that the two sides had agreed on since they began talks in 1997.

Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said that despite the fighting the government wanted peace talks with the IMF completed within six months.

"Our negotiators are ready anytime to meet their (MILF) counterparts," he said.

Peace negotiations

Eduardo Ermita, the presidential adviser on the peace process, said the government would again enlist the help of Malaysia which brokered and hosted previous peace negotiations in recent years.

But Kabalu said that before the peace process could proceed, the military must pull back its troops.

In a radio statement yesterday, President Macapagal-Arroyo said her heart "bleeds for the victims of the war in Mindanao," but also stressed that "we will not stop in our pursuit of the evil men and criminals who hold communities hostage."

She said earlier this week that the target of the military offensive was not the MILF but the Pentagon kidnap gang whose members had taken shelter in the rebel camp near Pikit.

Malacañang yesterday denied that the MILF chief, Salamat Hashim, was the real target of the military operations .

"High-value target"

"Salamat Hashim is not the objective of the operation," Ermita said in a phone interview. He said that the AFP spokesperson, Col. Essel Soriano, who had described Salamat as a "high-value target for the Armed Forces" had been quoted out of context.

Soriano himself yesterday said he had been misquoted.

"We did not ever mention that we are targeting Salamat. We are trying to verify reports if he is in the area. We are not targeting him," Soriano said.

Luna also confirmed that the operations were directed against the Pentagon and not Salamat Hashim.

"Salamat is not our target. We are not at war with the MILF," Luna said.

But he said there was no avoiding clashes with the MILF while trying to get the criminals inside its territory.

"The military operation is like a surgical process. If you want to get the cancerous cells, you have to cut out the flesh," he said. *Jeffrey M. Tupas, Joselle R. Badilla, Rosa May V. de Guzman, Aquiles Z. Zonio and Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau with reports from AFP and Reuters*

Disease, trauma plague evacuees

PIKIT, North Cotabato—Sonia Mindalagat lost her one-year-old twin daughters Sea and Naut yesterday.

The infants succumbed to bronchopneumonia complicated by malnutrition, a condition that continues to plague their fellow refugees in ill-equipped evacuation centers.

Of the reported 39,518 civilians displaced by the ongoing clashes between government troops and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels, 6,000 are children.

That other children there would soon suffer the twins' fate is a possibility that increases everyday, according to Dr. Edwin Cruzado, municipal health officer.

Cruzado said 1,491 children have been diagnosed with upper respiratory tract infections among the total 2,759 evacuees who have complained of various illnesses.

He said the biggest number of complaints has been of headaches, followed by skin diseases, diarrhea, dizziness, infected wounds, toothaches, sore eyes, body malaise, abdominal pains, burns, mumps and boils.

Extreme weather conditions and lack of medicines have aggravated the situation, Cruzado added.

On top of these, said parish priest Fr. Roberto Layson, the evacuees, "particularly the children," have to deal with the psychological effects of the violence around them.

Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman yesterday delivered toys, crayons and reading materials to help the children "ventilate their trauma."

Joel Maglunob, acting social welfare director for Central Mindanao said the agency needs from 2,500 to 3,000 sacks of rice every 10 days. *Rosa May V. de Guzman, with Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and Gerald G. Lacuarta*

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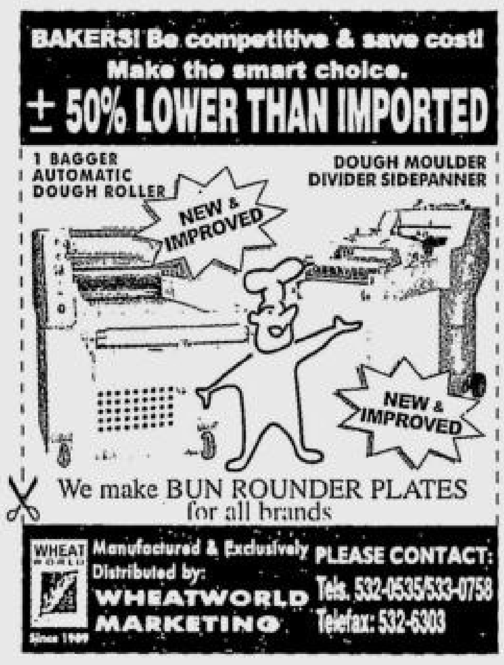
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Shell hikes pump prices yet again by 50¢

By Ronnel W. Domingo

CALLING attention to increased costs, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. raised the prices of its gasoline, diesel and kerosene products by 50 centavos per liter effective 10 p.m. last night.

The price increases were Shell's fourth in six weeks. Since the year started, Shell's unit price increases amounted to P2.14 for gasoline and P1.38 for diesel fuel.

Petron, Eastern Petroleum and Unioil Philippines Petroleum said they would similarly increase the prices of their oil products on Monday.

Caltex Philippines, TotalFinaElf Philippines and other players did not announce increases, saying they were still monitoring their price situations.

Local oil firms last raised prices on Feb. 1, adding 39 centavos to the price tag of a liter of diesel fuel and 55 centavos for gasoline and kerosene.

Roberto Kanapi, Pilipinas Shell general manager for external affairs, said the latest price increases were the second installment of a scheme to recover increased costs of petroleum between January and December.

"We are continually monitoring current prices, globally and locally, and any further adjustments would be implemented in March," Kanapi said.

War jitters and low supply have shot up average Dubai crude prices by $2.14 per barrel to $27.87 in January, from $25.73 in December.

Meanwhile, the peso weakened by 8 centavos, from P53.49 to the dollar in December to P53.57 last month.

Sixty centavos in the new prices of gasoline represent the added cost of reducing the fuel's harmful contents in compliance with the Clean Air Act, according to oil executives.

RP stand on US war known on Monday

THE GOVERNMENT will decide on Monday if it will support a United States invasion of Iraq to force the Arab country to surrender its alleged secret weapons arsenal even without a United Nations resolution.

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday decided to convene the National Security Council after the US failed yet again to convince a majority of UN Security Council members that Iraq has so-called weapons of mass destruction in its possession.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said the NSC would assess what transpired at the latest Security Council meeting and the possible consequences.

The NSC would also discuss what course of action to take if the US were to go ahead and act even without a UN resolution, Golez said.

Malacañang earlier said it would go by whatever the Security Council decided.

But last week Ms Macapagal echoed US President George W. Bush's call for Iraq to disarm or face war. She urged the UN to act "with dispatch and force" should Iraq fail to fully cooperate with UN weapons inspectors. *Dona Pazzibugan*

Health buffs aim for world mark

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Organizers of the five-year National Healthy Lifestyle campaign, which starts today, are offering free health services in a bid to gather the 50,000 people needed to establish a new record for the most number of participants in a single aerobics event.

Mexico holds the Guinness Book world record for gathering some 38,000 participants for a single mass aerobic event.

Today's event, which will be replicated throughout the country, starts at 5 a.m. with the mass exercise and the mini-walkathon.

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Get ready to face OFWs' wrath, Bunye tells solons

By Dona Pazzibugan and Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENTIAL Spokesperson Ignacio Bunye yesterday warned senators who refused to heed the Financial Action Task Force's demand for stronger anti-money laundering amendments that they would be blamed when financial sanctions began to hurt the seven million overseas Filipino workers.

"Maybe they think the FATF is bluffing. They should take the situation seriously because our OFWs will be the ones who will suffer. We have to appeal to their patriotism and their concern for our OFWs," Bunye said.

Last Thursday, Congress rushed the passage of amendments to strengthen the largely toothless Anti-Money Laundering Act passed last year in order to meet the requirements set by the FATF.

However, while the House approved all the amendments required by the FATF, the Senate rebuffed them so that the amendments passed fell far short of the FATF's standards.

President Macapagal-Arroyo refused to sign the amended AMLA, knowing it did not meet the FATF's conditions.

The FATF wanted the AMLA revised to allow authorities to look into suspicious accounts without a court order and for the anti-money laundering law to be retroactive.

New deadline

It gave Congress until March 15 to further amend the AMLA according to its standards, or face sanctions.

"We have to reopen the discussion in Congress. Fortunately, the endorsed copy has not yet reached the President. The bill should be sent back to Congress in the meantime. That's our only option," Bunye said.

Other officials expressed the hope that before the March 15 deadline, the legislature could pass the amendments that meet the standards of the FATF, a global body set up by the leading industrialized countries to fight money laundering.

"The first effort is to try to convince Congress to make the necessary amendments before the actual day of the sanctions," said Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho.

The FATF on Friday said it "has taken the serious step of recommending that its members impose additional counter-measures against the Philippines, due to the failure . . . to enact legislation to address previously identified deficiencies in their anti-money laundering regime."

It gave the Philippines until March 15 to enact the changes or be hit by countermeasures.

Officials have warned that these sanctions would result in delays in financial transactions. The most seriously affected would be the OFWs who remit their salaries back home to their families.

Small window

Central bank governor Rafael Buenaventura said there was just "a small window between now and when the countermeasures take effect within which we can cure (the problem)," he said.

Buenaventura warned that it was impossible for the Philippines to ask for a further extension.

Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. yesterday urged the Senate and the House to return to the bicameral conference committee to reconsider amendments to the AMLA that would be more acceptable to the FATF.

"If the senators don't agree, the country will suffer mightily from the sanctions," De Venecia warned.

De Venecia proposed an emergency meeting among the President and leaders of the Senate and the House to agree on a legislative-executive action plan to meet the new March 15 deadline.

He said one solution would be to retrieve the conference committee report that was sent to Malacañang. He said the report could be recalled and amended through a concurrent resolution that should be approved by the two chambers.

In sending the bill back to Congress, Ms Macapagal ordered the Bangko Sentral to try to reconcile the positions of Congress and the FATF.

She also asked Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo to enlist the help of the United States through its ambassador in Manila, Francis Ricciardone, to avoid sanctions.

Bunye said the FATF had sent its representatives to Manila to brief legislators about the standards, but they were mostly ignored.

Leftists oppose Danding candidacy

LEFTIST militants cringed at reports some administration congressmen are backing businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, one of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos' most powerful cronies, for president in 2004.

The fisherfolk group Pamalakaya said Cojuangco's supporters in the ruling Lakas party "cannot blame" voters who would suspect Cojuangco had "bought their loyalty and patronage."

"May heaven forbid another Marcos crony from becoming president," said Pamalakaya chair Fernando Hicap.

He said Cojuangco and Sen. Panfilo Lacson, who is also being touted as a presidential bet in 2004, are on his group's list of "reject politicians."

Notwithstanding the militants' views, administration stalwarts are pushing for a Cojuangco-Robert Barbers ticket in 2004.

Lakas congressmen who petitioned Cojuangco, chair emeritus of the Nationalist People's Coalition, to be their standard bearer, are discussing a team-up with Senator Barbers, a member of the ruling Lakas, according to Negros Oriental Rep. Jacinto Paras. *Volt Contreras and Juliet L. Javellana*

Vote law causes word war

A WORD war has erupted between Commission on Elections chair Benjamin Abalos and congressmen who were irked by his criticism of the Absentee Voting Law (AVL) that was signed last Thursday.

Negros Occidental Rep. Apolinario Lozada Jr., chair of the House foreign relations committee which sponsored the landmark measure, said Abalos should shut up and do his job, which is "to implement the law."

On Friday, Abalos said the AVL as crafted was flawed. It was impractical to set up voting precincts in 102 countries, he argued, especially those hosting only 10 Filipinos or less.

Lozada said what was impractical was Abalos' proposal to "cluster" countries. "This may be applied in some European countries, but cannot be adopted as a general principle," he said.

Laguna Rep. Danton Bueser said Abalos was wrong to say the law would disenfranchise many overseas Filipinos. *Juliet L. Javellana*

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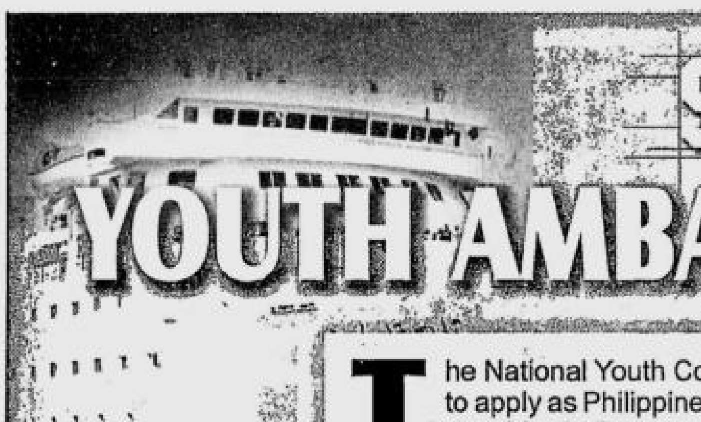

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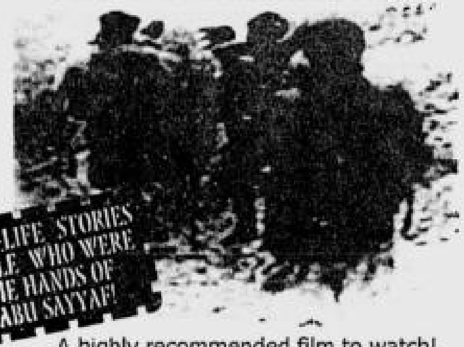

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Suspected Reds kill 3 cops, boy in Sorsogon

LEGAZPI CITY—Three policemen and a 14-year-old boy were shot dead Friday night when five men believed to be New People's Army members strafed a Kababayan Center, a police community assistance station, in Gubat, Sorsogon.

Police identified the casualties as PO2 Alvin Cadag, PO3 Ernesto Ebrada and SPO2 Danilo Ductama—all members of the Gubat town police assigned to the Kababayan Center, and 14-year-old Raymund Calictan, the center's "gofer."

Investigation showed the victims had just finished dinner at about 10 p.m. when the assailants in a passenger jeepney drove by the back of the center and sprayed it with bullets.

The victims were hit after the bullets, all from high-powered rifles, penetrated the center's walls. They died instantly.

Senior Supt. Arne de los Santos, Sorsogon police chief, said that earlier that day, at about 6 a.m., soldiers based in Gubat had apprehended six armed men clad in fatigues but without nametags who were suspected NPA members.

The NPA is the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

De los Santos said police would try to establish the connection of the six suspects to the killing.

The NPA in Bicol has continued to make a show of force against the government with the assassination of soldiers and policemen and surprise attacks on police stations.

Police in two Camarines Sur towns, meanwhile, thwarted attacks by the NPA on their detachments on Thursday evening.

Senior Supt. Roberto Rongavilla, Camarines Sur provincial director, said suspected NPA rebels attacked the police detachments in Barangay Tandaay, Nabua and Barangay Parubcan, Presentacion almost simultaneously.

Rongavilla said both police forces were able to repulse the attacks. No casualties were reported on either side.

"The attacks were launched late in the evening to make use of the element of surprise," Rongavilla said. *Ronnie Lorejo, Joyce Mejillano and Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Cop chief's slay has earmarks of NPA hit—probers

IT LOOKS like another NPA job to police investigating last Friday's ambush of Cabuyao police chief Supt. Eriberto Paglinawan in Silang, Cavite.

Paglinawan has been described as an active implementor of the government's anti-insurgency drive when he was with the now defunct Philippine Constabulary.

But the New People's Army, however, has not claimed responsibility for the ambush.

In a phone interview, Sr. Supt. Edwin Corvera, police director of Laguna, said the manner of execution and the fact that the assassins were reportedly young were trademarks of the NPAs' "partisan operations."

Corvera was referring to the rebel group's liquidation squad, which became notorious in the latter part of the 1980s for executing police and military officers. Paglinawan was with the 223rd PC Co.

Lately, Corvera said, the slain police chief had been mediating labor-management disputes in his jurisdiction.

Probers from both the Laguna and Cavite police are not discounting other theories, however, especially one that suggests the killing was an offshoot of the Paglinawan family's land dispute with another family in Silang.

The dispute is said to have cost the life of Paglinawan's brother Nicasio, also a policeman, who was ambushed in Pasig City in 1992.

On Friday morning, the police chief was driving home from work when he was fired upon by four armed men along a road in Barangay Lumil in Silang. He died instantly from wounds to the head. *TJ Burgonio*

'Bobbit' Sanchez, rights defender, dies at 70

SANCHEZ

AUGUSTO "Bobbit" S. Sanchez, labor secretary during the administration of President Corazon Aquino, died yesterday of a heart attack. He was 70.

Sanchez was declared dead on arrival at the Dr. Victor R. Potenciano Medical Center in Mandaluyong City at 1:25 p.m.

Dr. Maryjun Escares, attending physician, said Sanchez was taken to the hospital by a client who was in a meeting with him at the Barrio Fiesta restaurant on Edsa in Quezon City.

Sen. Joker Arroyo said Sanchez was a big loss to the human rights movement.

"He was a nationalist to the bone. He took up human rights cases and political offenses of the Marcos regime and he defended so many human rights victims, from the extreme Left to the extreme Right," Arroyo said of his friend.

In 1987, he ran for the Senate but lost when ballots bearing only the name "Sanchez" were disqualified because there was another candidate with the same name.

A known Marcos critic and human rights lawyer, Sanchez co-founded the Movement of Attorneys for Brotherhood, Integrity and Nationalism Inc. (Mabini), which gave free legal assistance to political detainees and prisoners of conscience. He chaired the group from 1980 to 1984.

Sanchez was a delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention representing the second district of Rizal. He also became a Member of Parliament from 1984 to 1986, representing Pasig-Marikina.

He was married to Lolita Panton with whom he had five children.

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This time, La Salle beats Ateneo in Inquirer debate tilt

JUST like in their fabled basketball rivalry, De La Salle University and Ateneo de Manila University squared off in the grand finals of the 2nd INQUIRER Intercollegiate Debating Championship (IIDC) last Tuesday.

This time, however, La Salle edged out Ateneo at the climax of the five-day 2003 IIDC, which drew some 300 student participants from around the country.

Last year, Ateneo wrested the UAAP basketball championship from La Salle, which had held it for four years.

This year's 30-school debate competition saw a clash of ideas over national issues—but not without the wit and attitude of today's texting, VJ generation.

A trio from La Salle was adjudged this year's Best Debating Team. The IIDC seeks to promote newspaper readership among the youth.

Winning team

The winning DLSU Team A was composed of Lucinda Teresa C. David (3rd Year, AB Economics), Jan Livia Tiu (5th Year, Business Management) and Brian Duruin (5th Year, Computer Engineering).

David, who easily became the crowd favorite in the competition hosted by the University of the Philippines, was cited as the Best Public Speaker.

She attributed her team's winning performance to the intense practice they had at school "from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m." daily in the last three weeks before the competition, during which they "simulated debates and tried to predict the topics that will come out."

Deputize civilians

At the finals, the topic for debate was whether civilian organizations should be deputized to help law enforcement agencies maintain peace and order in the community.

Following the Asian Parliamentary format, DLSU argued in favor of the proposition while AdMU spoke against it.

The La Salle debaters won with a one-vote advantage as the judges voted 6-5.

It was the Ateneo Team E, though, which produced the Best Finals Speaker, Madeleine Dy, a Management Engineering junior. Dy's team also included Dione Cotoco, a junior Communications Technology student, and Kellda Centeno, a Communications freshman.

The winning team will be going to Malaysia in May for the 10th All-Asian Inter-varsity Debating Championship.

David and her teammates received trophies and a prize of P25,000, roughly the equivalent of the registration fee for the All-Asian.

At the awarding program the other night at UP-Diliman's "Bahay ng Alumni," INQUIRER president Sandy Prieto Romualdez noted that attendance in this year's IIDC "exceeded all our expectations."

A total of 74 teams from 30 schools around the country took part this year. Last year, IIDC gathered about 20 teams from 20 schools.

Learning

"IIDC is all about learning. Developing a responsible and discerning citizenry begins with the empowerment of the mind," Romualdez told the participants.

"In true INQUIRER fashion, we encourage you to speak out, listen and appreciate the different views and opinions of your fellow debaters," she said.

Trina Firmalo, tournament director and president of the UP Debate Society which co-organized the IIDC, saw another encouraging sign in having "many first-time debaters" test their raw skills in the INQUIRER debating championship.

"Through debate students can develop their capacity to make a critical analysis of current issues and realize what can be done about them" said Firmalo, a UP Sociology junior and veteran of campus debates.

IIDC Awards were also handed out to the 10 Best Speakers: Tiu (DLSU), Camille Ng (AdMU), David (DLSU), Jess Lopez (AdMU), Nicole Curato (UP-Diliman), Wilfred Segovia (AdMU), Brian Duruin (DLSU), Eleanor Uy (AdMU), Rebekah Roque and (UP-Diliman) and Carl Ng (UP-Diliman) (tied at the 9th spot), and John Baluyot (University of Sto. Tomas).

Adjudicators

Named Five Best Adjudicators or debate judges were Jojo Nem Singh (UP-Diliman), Annabelle Kibanoff-Mercado (Far Eastern University), Barbie Co (AdMU), Ash Mandaya (UST) and tied for the 5th place were Lizandro Claudio (AdMU) and Von Garcia (UP-Manila).

The IIDC adjudication panel was headed by UP alumnus Joseph Laban, with William Panlilio of AdMU, Cynthia Diaz of Ateneo de Naga, Arnel Ordas of UST, and Bombit Largoza of DLSU as deputy chief adjudicators.

The second IIDC was also sponsored by INQ7.net, the National Youth Commission, Studio 23, and Visine's Read to Lead Program, in association with Bookmark, 3M, Arellano Law Foundation and Emerald Headway Distributors. *Volt Contreras*

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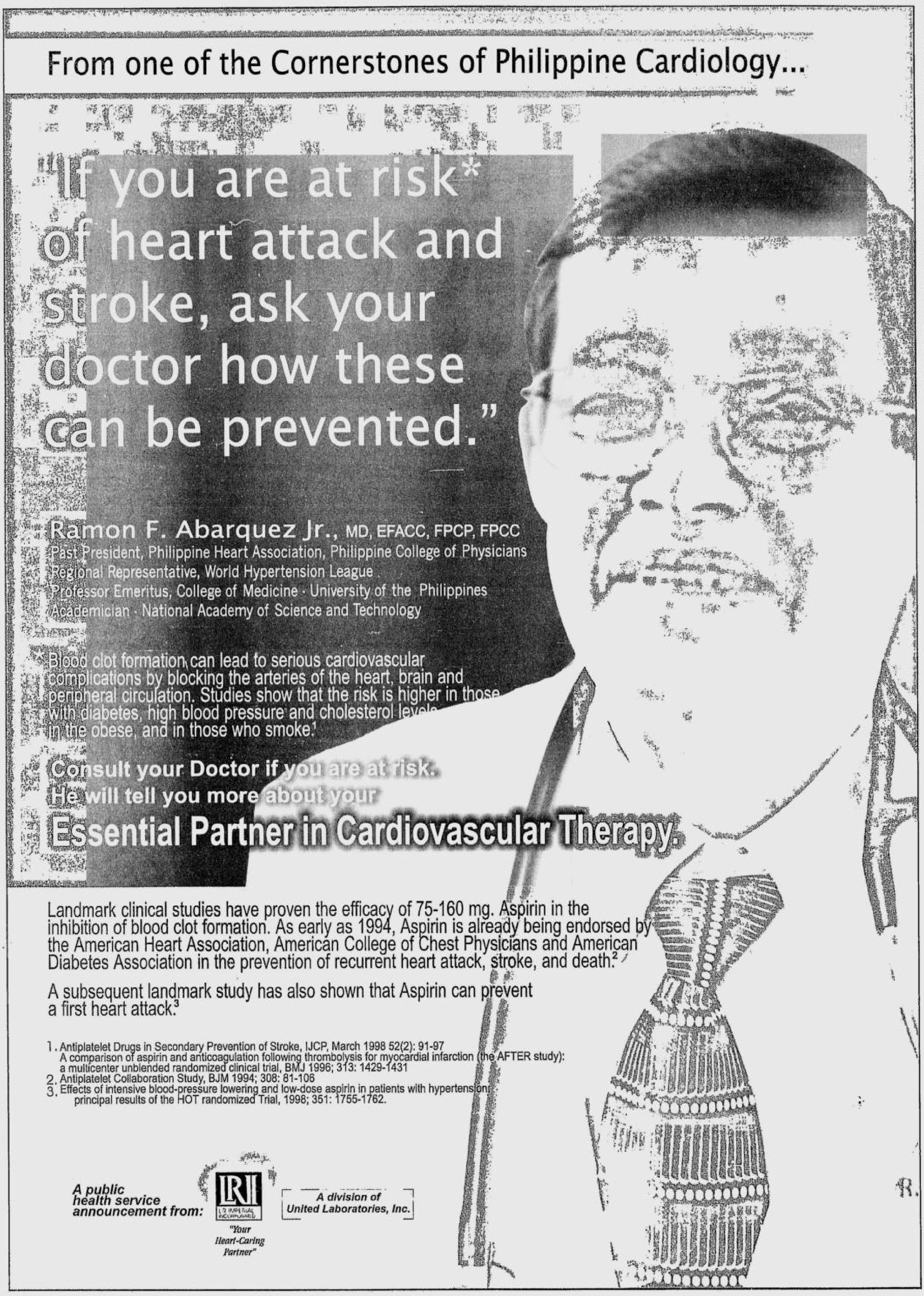

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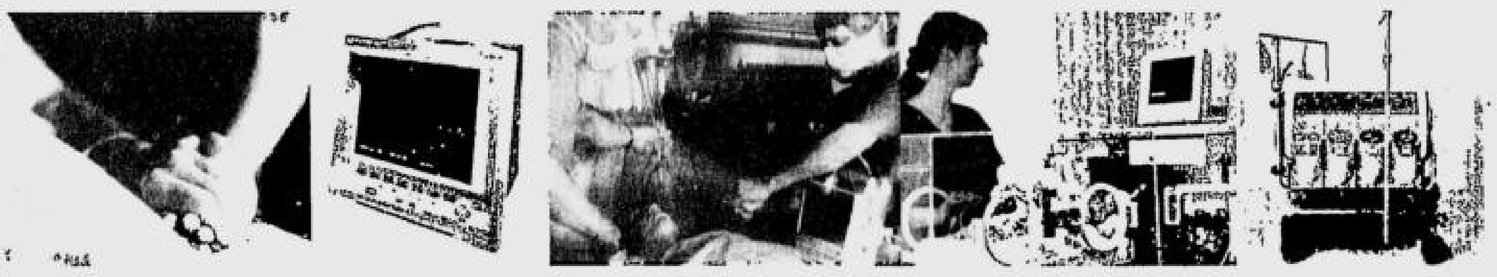

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Bite the bullet

EDITORIALS

AFTER AT LEAST a year of indecision, Malacañang has finally bit the bullet. The other week, it approved the first rate increase in Social Security System contributions in 22 years. Beginning next month, the system's 23 million members will contribute 9.4 percent of their basic pay to the private sector's pension fund, up by one percent.

But as SSS president Corazon de le Paz meticulously noted, the increase will be shouldered by employers, not employees. What this means, in effect, is that employees will enjoy a modest raise in gross pay equivalent to the rate increase. At the current contribution level, an employer remits P16.20 every day for every employee who earns a daily wage of P300. At the new level, the amount for remittance will go up by P3—to P19.20 every day.

The need to raise the level of members' contributions is patent. Last March, De la Paz set out the problem in a controversial speech: "I have come to the conclusion that one major reason for the debacle the SSS now finds itself in, is the rapid rate at which SSS benefit levels have been increased relative to contributions over the past two decades." In other words, more money is coming out of the SSS than is going in. Last week, De la Paz explained the rate hike in similar terms: "SSS sought the increase to correct its yearly fund imbalance caused by the contribution rates being outpaced by growing benefit payments. Benefit payments have exceeded contributions since 1993."

But if the problem was clear, the way to the solution was not. "Here the numbers are no longer actuarial, but political," we noted last May. With more than a fourth of the total population directly affected, the question of a rate increase inevitably turned into a test of political will. Can President Macapagal-Arroyo force the issue and raise the rate at a time of political turmoil and economic uncertainty?

The President's withdrawal from the 2004 election scene may have helped her see the matter in the clear light of day. But it is more likely that the idea of letting employers shoulder the increase—a clever strategy and a politically savvy move—was what did the trick. The idea was good enough for the Employers Confederation of the Philippines to claim credit for it. Ecop president Donald Dee, who is also a commissioner of the SSS, said the country's largest employers' group raised the proposal as an alternative to a wage hike. "This strategy would help both the SSS and labor. Through the SSS, we could ease their financial burden and by helping the SSS, we secure the future of their pension," Dee said.

Other labor groups will be sure to find this deal, an employer-paid rate upgrade in exchange for a wage increase, disadvantageous to workers. That is a pity, because this is one government decision that will save a key financial institution AND give private sector employees a better benefits package—without costing them a centavo.

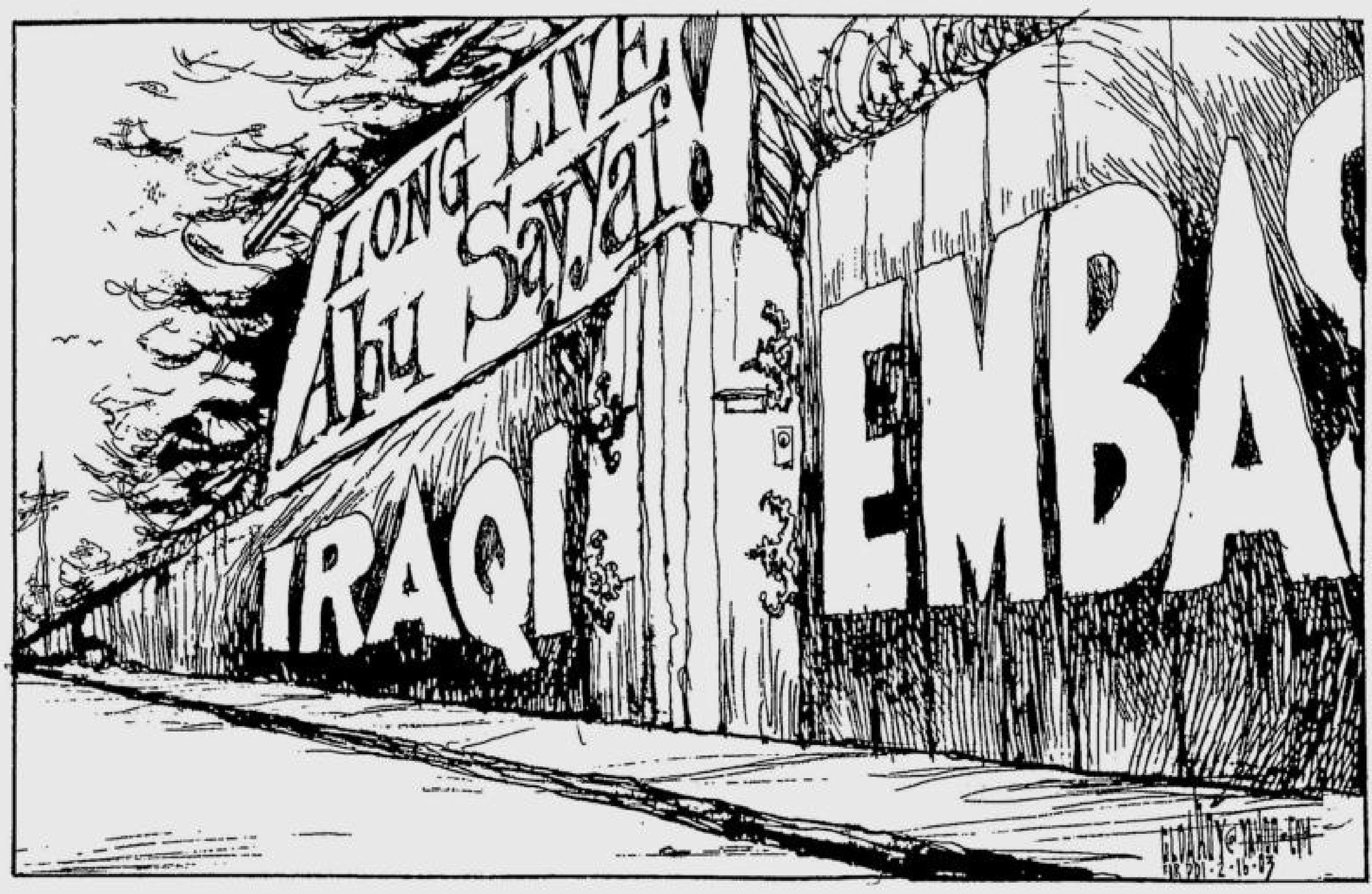
Throw the book

DESPITE the vigorous efforts of the Social Security System to make the case for a reform of its structure of contributions, the message has a difficult time cutting through the clutter left behind by the Estrada administration.

Many SSS members still remember the wild years of Estrada friend and look-alike Carlos Arellano, who ran the pension fund the way Estrada played at a gambling table: irresponsibly. Arellano invested heavily in equities. From 19.7 percent in 1998, the proportion of SSS investments in stocks rose to 27.8 percent in 1999 and 28.5 percent in 2002. The seismic shift in investment priorities eventually caused the value of SSS investments to slide into the sea. Arellano, who according to a confidential audit report coursed many investment decisions through his own office, caused "paper losses" amounting to billions of pesos.

It was also during his time that the system's top-heavy management layer became common public knowledge: dozens of vice presidents, executive compensation in the hundreds of thousands per month, expensive freebies.

All these have raised the cynicism level of the public, which may explain the lukewarm reception that greeted the rate increase last week. It seems clear that the SSS does not only need to balance its books; it also needs to throw the book at former and current SSS officials who did nothing as the "debacle" loomed, or even gambled the money away.



Immigrants as voters?

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THERE is a maxim in law familiar to even first year law students. It says we may not distinguish if the Constitution does not distinguish. It is also easily understandable. It simply means that, unless the contrary is clearly intended, exceptions to the rule are not allowed.

This maxim is applicable to Art. V, Sec. 1 of the Constitution providing as follows:

"Suffrage shall be exercised by all citizens of the Philippines not otherwise disqualified by law who are at least eighteen years of age and who shall have resided in the Philippines for at least one year and in the place wherein they propose to vote for at least six months immediately preceding the election. No literacy, property or other substantive requirement shall be imposed on the exercise of suffrage."

The Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003, which was signed into law last Thursday, allows Filipino citizens who are permanent residents in other countries to cast absentee votes in the Philippines. The only requirement is that they should execute an affidavit pledging that they will return to this country and permanently reside here within three years from the execution of that document.

The law makes a distinction not allowed by the Constitution.

The sworn promise is in lieu of the constitutional requirement for the Filipino immigrant to be a resident of the Philippines for at least one year and in the place where he proposes to vote for at least six months immediately preceding the election. At the time this promise is made under oath, the potential absentee voter is a permanent resident of a foreign country.

Pending compliance with that pledge, the Filipino immigrant can vote in the Philippines although he has not yet reacquired permanent residence here. That condition is yet to be satisfied but the law considers him already qualified although he is legally still a permanent resident of a foreign country. As an immigrant and therefore not resident in this country for the periods specified in the quoted provision, he may claim the right to vote here like any citizen fulfilling the constitutional requirements.

It is like conferring the right of suffrage on a 16-year-old Filipino citizen on the ground that he will eventually be 18. The analogy could also be applied to the foreigner who is allowed to vote upon approval of his petition for naturalization before taking the oath of citizenship that can be administered only after the required two-year probation period. Like the Filipino immigrant, their qualifications are not actual but only prospective, but they could also be allowed to vote.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., citing an opinion of Fr. Joaquin Bernas and Secretary Blas F. Ople, both former members of the Constitutional Commission of 1986, says that Art. V, Sec. 1 of the Constitution, applies only to Filipinos residing in this country and not to those permanently residing elsewhere. The latter are exempted. He also quotes them as saying that Filipino immigrants do not lose the right to vote in our elections despite their non-residence here as long as they retain their Philippine citizenship.

I suppose these three gentlemen will concede that the Constitution applies to our OFWs who are presumed to possess the required residence qualification because they are not permanently residing in the foreign countries where they are working. Curiously, though, they argue that the same requirement is not applicable to Filipino immigrants although, unlike the OFWs, they are now permanently residing in other countries. The argument is that these immigrants are still Filipino citizens, which should be enough to enfranchise them even if they do not satisfy the other specific constitutional requirements. That is a *cul de sac* because citizenship is not the issue here; it is the immigrant's residence that is being questioned.

Ople and Bernas claim that it was decided in the Constitutional Commission not to exclude Filipino immigrants from the right of suffrage despite their acquisition of permanent residence in other countries. If that was the intention, why was it not expressed categorically in the document they were drafting? It would be instructive if they could cite the debates of the framers on this vital issue, if only to show how many of them shared that intention.

In any case, Art. V, Sec. 1 is plain enough and needs no construction. It unequivocally says that no person can vote in Philippine elections unless he possesses the citizenship, age and residence qualifications. *No exception is allowed.* The records of the Constitutional Commission, if there be any, cannot prevail against the lucid language of that provision. The deliberations of the framers may be consulted only if the Constitution is unclear, but there is no ambiguity in the said section.

As a permanent resident of another country, the Filipino immigrant cannot vote in the Philippines. His sworn intention to transfer his permanent residence to this country at some future time will not immediately vest in him the right of suffrage given only to qualified citizens. Even Filipinos actually and permanently living in this country are not allowed to vote if their residence is short of the periods required by the Constitution. So how can we be less strict with Filipinos permanently residing elsewhere?

Prayer power

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

ACCORDING to a text message I received, a woman in search of a man goes through different kinds of prayer. At 20, she prays fantastic: "Lord give me the best man!" At 30, she prays optimistic: "Lord, give me a good man." At 40, she prays realistic: "Lord, give me a man, any man." At 50, she prays desperate and erratic: "Lord *asa man*? *Bakit naman*? Lord *naman*!"

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The leper's prayer, "If you wish, you can make me clean" (Mk. 1, 40-45) is worth considering. It had all the elements of a very powerful prayer because it came from a humble heart that truly believed, fully trusted. It also came from a desperate man who had nothing and who had no one else to turn to.

Why are your petitions not being answered? Maybe you are not praying humble. Maybe you are not praying optimistic. Maybe you are not praying trusting. Maybe you are not praying desperate. And the bottom line is, like the leper, do you really, really believe that what you are asking for will be given unto you?

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There are people who are very prayerful. They are what we call pray-ers. They are living reminders of God's presence in our midst. Do you have one in your family? Blessed are you. For all you know, the presence of one pray-er in your family has been the source of strength and grace for all the play-ers in your family. Wanted: more pray-ers in our families, in our homes.

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When I was a high school seminarian in Christ the King Seminary, we had a pious and prayerful religious brother by the name of Brother Boniface. This American brother spent almost the whole day praying in the chapel. I can never forget how he so devoutly and so slowly genuflected before the altar before going to his assigned place in the church. I even heard that, once, when he went to a movie house, he absent-mindedly genuflected in the aisle before he took his seat!

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My grandmother was another person who believed in and lived the power of prayer. She always had a rosary in her hand. I remember how at 6 p.m. she would gather all of us to pray the "Angelus" and the rosary.

There is something about prayerful people. They exude presence and power, in a very gentle way. And they achieve more than we can ever think or imagine. Indeed, many things are wrought by prayer in this world. We have so many talk-ers, do-ers. We need more pray-ers.

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The prayer of a sick person is very powerful, because it is offered along with pain and sacrifice. Let us be grateful to the many countless anonymous people who continue to lift up to their Lord their prayer offerings along with their sufferings. The Lord has blessed us and spared us so many times precisely because of the presence of such people in the world!

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Blessed Arnold Janssen founded two religious missionary congregations, namely the SVD and the S.Sp.S. He also founded a third congregation, the S.Sp.S.Ap (Pink sisters), a contemplative order of nuns who pray before the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day. These cloistered sisters pray for all of us and the whole world; they are the hidden "powerhouse" that keep us going. They offer powerful intercessory prayers for all of us. Do you need anything in your life? Ask the help of our contemplative and cloistered brothers and sisters who continuously whisper to God our prayers and petitions.

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Let us continue to storm heaven with prayers. Nothing is impossible. Let us continue to pray for peace and work for peace! May the Blessed Mother intercede for us so that there will be peace in the world, peace in our country, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts. Now, more than ever. Let's hold on to prayer power!

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One of the best inventions of our times is the cell phone. Amazing what a cell phone has done and can do in our lives. But more amazing is prayer. You don't need a cell site to get connected. You don't need to load. You don't need a phone directory. You don't need to store messages in the inbox or in the outbox. The most amazing thing about prayer of course, is that the network is never busy and the party can always be reached.

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The most peaceful and most assuring moments of my day happen when I kneel down (literally!) and humble myself before God as soon as I wake up in the morning, and just before I sleep at night. The act of kneeling down is a beautiful gesture of humility. When I kneel down, I am reminded who I am, and who God is, and when that is clear, then there is peace. Peace is disturbed when one believes and acts as if there is no God, or, in some cases, thinks he is God. Let God be God. Let man be man. Peace!

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A moment with the Lord

Lord, help me to become not only a good player, but also a good pray-er in this life. Amen.

Here we go again!

COMMENTARY

Fr. Eliseo Mercado Jr., OMI

ONCE again, a new war is raging in Pikit. Thousands have again been displaced (more than 20,000 and still increasing). And like in all the wars in Mindanao, the major casualties are the hapless civilians whose lives and stories are characterized by a continued evacuation from birth to death.

For a while, people thought that the climate of peace would continue as prospects of a peace settlement between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front looked bright under the active mediation and leadership of Malaysia and the Organization of Islamic Conference's Committee of the Eight. Both the government and the MILF peace panels and "back channel" negotiators had high hopes for a peace settlement, because of the many favorable conditions both from within and without.

I could not believe myself that a new military operation could take place at this time that the formal resumption of the peace talks was almost imminent. The Citizens Council for Peace had talked to the powers that be, including the peace negotiators, for an early resumption of the formal peace talks in January to set a new keynote in the relations between the government panel and the MILF at the onset of the new year.

I also thought that an earlier resumption of the peace talks would have consolidated the peace initiatives as well as the rehabilitation work being done following the devastation of the Estrada-Reyes all-out-war in 2000.

Deep in my heart, I have always doubted about the remaining man in that duo. I cannot imagine how a man who was responsible for that destruction in 2000 would provide an environment for the all-out-peace initiative of the Macapagal administration. At the back of my mind, Angelo Reyes, so long as he remains defense secretary, will always be the biggest obstacle to peace. His "tunnel-like vision" of peace is almost unbelievable given his supposed academic credentials.

The renewed fighting in Pikit would again be explained by slogans like "going after the lawless elements." As usual, to fight the so-called Muslim lawless elements, the Armed Forces of the Philippines has to employ the use of mortar shells, OV Bronco planes and artillery. Again, as in all the military operations, the claimed objective of such actions (by the AFP's unthinking and uncritical logic and imagination) is "to pressure the MILF to negotiate seriously upon the resumption of the formal peace talks." Yet another usual reason is "to reduce the military capacity of the MILF."

By constantly repeating these slogans after every military operation, they become entrenched doctrines—almost like "infallible dogmas."

Meanwhile, civilians are displaced. Their new homes barely reconstructed, once again have been abandoned. Their farms and their livelihood for the nth time have been destroyed. They are back to schoolhouses (*balik-eskwelahan*) and to the usual evacuation centers. Yes, a new nightmare has begun.

The people constantly ask when will this nightmare end. From one administration to another, the promise of peace is always bold, but the actions have always been wanting.

Why are the civilians always the casualties in the war? Where is the promised "all-out peace" of the present administration?

In a few months, the President will bow out of office. I thought that her administration would leave a legacy of building the foundation of the peace process on a fertile and solid foundation. Definitely, she will not see the completion of a peace agreement, but I thought she would set an irreversible peace process with strong peace movements that would ensure its completion in time.

But this would not be the case. The tragedy of this military operation was compounded by the fact that it was almost timed on Islam's biggest feast—the Feast of the Sacrifice (a feast akin to the Christian Easter celebration). The whole military operation is bad in itself, causing once again untold suffering and destruction. But to time it on Islam's holiest feast shows utter insensitivity and lack of respect and worse, crass ignorance of Islam's values and beliefs.

There are, indeed, many evils in this world, and evil people always seem to triumph. But for people of faith, they believe that in the end, there is a final reckoning, and good shall triumph over evil.

Yes, the people of Pikit are once again uprooted. But they, too, know in their hearts that they will go back to their land, build and plant anew until another military operation strikes again.

God gives... and God takes away... Praised be the name of the Lord.

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Gift of healing

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

FROM A FRIEND, who I'm sure would prefer to remain anonymous, this text message on the "Top 10 Things Heard on Valentine's Day": (10) You're late; (9) Will you marry me?; (8) Where are we?; (7) It feels nice *pala*; (6) Thank you for the flowers; (5) *Mag*-condom *ka*; (4) I love you; (3) Yes! Yes!; (2) *Aray*!; and—(1) Shit, I'm not safe!

No comment needed!

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THANKS to my friend Perla, I recently met Fr. Joey Faller who very generously agreed to drop by our house to say a healing Mass and pray over my sister Neneng, who is staying temporarily at our Antipolo home.

I don't know what I really expected of a priest with the gift of healing, but Father Joey at first sight didn't seem to fit the bill. For one, he towers over most everyone else, and second, his manner is boyish and earnest. But as he says Mass and prays for the healing of those who have come to him for help, he transcends his youth and all-too-human persona, to become a messenger of grace and healing.

"I come from a family of doctors," he volunteers, including his father, uncle and two brothers, who were at first quite skeptical of the "charism" that now takes center stage in his life as a diocesan priest. Ordained to the priesthood in 1989, this native of Lucban, Quezon says people started coming to him with stories of healing experienced through him "but I refused to believe." His "baptism of fire," he narrates, occurred in 1993 when he was asked to take the place of Father Barham, a healing priest from the United States, who could not make it due to bad weather. "A lot of people said they had been healed afterwards," he says, "but I still entertained doubts about the authenticity of their healing."

The next month, impelled by what he calls a "sudden inspiration," Father Joey journeyed to the Lipa Carmel Monastery and found himself in the midst of a nationwide Marian Pilgrimage, with the participants welcoming his arrival because there was no priest available to celebrate Mass. It was while saying Mass that Father Joey says he "experienced strange things," such as smelling the scent of roses during the Mass, experiencing "the gift of tongues" in the middle of the ritual and seeing a "vision of a woman who was a cancer patient in Manila." Just before the Mass ended, Father Joey said he could "see" a woman with cancer who came from Manila and was wearing a red T-shirt. To his amazement, he says, the woman indeed approached him and told him that she was suffering from bone cancer. She would later attribute her complete remission from the cancer to the praying over she underwent through Father Joey.

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STILL, in his heart, Father Joey harbored doubts about the reality of his gift, even if, he says, "I am fully aware that it is God who is healing through me and to those whom He entrusted the powerful gift of healing." But he was finally convinced to put his gift to good use in 1994, after a vehicular accident, in which everyone in the other vehicle died, left him with a deep gash across his forehead and damaged nerves in his arm that left two fingers of his right hand permanently bent.

This has left him, Father Joey says, "with the hands of the Sto. Niño and the hands of the risen and victorious Christ," his "affliction" leaving him with a hand permanently raised in blessing. "It is a reminder to me that God can transform an accident into a blessing and it is Christ's hands that heal, not my hands. I am now aware like St. Paul who says 'it is when I am weak that I am strong,' and I can do everything in him who strengthens me."

In 1998, while in Rome attending an international charismatic congress, Father Joey says he experienced "a vision of a big building with so many sick people and I was just alone by myself but God was with me." He interpreted the vision to mean that God was leading him to build a healing center for the sick—physically, spiritually, emotionally and psychologically.

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THOUGH hesitant to approach his then bishop, Bishop Ruben Profugo of Lucena, about his vision, Father Joey gathered up his courage and called on him. The bishop not only approved of his plan, he even made available a piece of land for the healing center which would be part of a "renewal center complex" for the Diocese of Lucena.

"That was the start of the Kamay ni Hesus Ministry Foundation whose mission is to help build the healing center," Father Joey recalls. Through donations from supporters and families of those who experienced healing through him, they have been able to start construction of the Church and the healing center.

The center, now rising on a property at the foot of Mt. Banahaw, is nearing completion, with the basic structure of the church and adjoining office and residence for the priest already standing. Construction will then start on the second phase, which is the construction of the multi-purpose building designed for prayer meetings, conferences and other spiritual activities; as well as the third phase, which is the construction of the retreat house for the Diocese of Lucena and for people who want to undergo spiritual enrichment.

Apart from a full schedule of healing Masses here and even abroad, as well as overseeing the completion of the healing center, Father Joey serves as chair of the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement in the Philippines.

It's his hope, says Father Joey, that the healing center in Lucban will enable him to reach out to more people, especially the poor. He has realized, he says, that even as he spends his time traveling across Quezon and around the metropolis saying healing Masses, he can reach only a limited number of people. The center, he hopes, will allow him to multiply the blessings of the gift with which he has in turn been blessed.

Our own dirty war in Mindanao

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

HERE we go again in Mindanao, launching a war that defies all reason. A full-scale assault has suddenly been launched by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in North Cotabato communities identified as mass bases of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). We thought all along that a ceasefire was supposed to be in force, and peace talks were supposed to be ongoing between the MILF and the government. The military says they are not targeting the MILF but only elements of the kidnap-for-ransom gang known as the Pentagon group. But, apart from the soldiers, most of the dead are MILF rebels and civilians.

The AFP has accused the MILF of harboring the Pentagon group. That may or may not be true. The Maguindanaos are not a huge ethnic community—it should not surprise anyone if Pentagon members come from MILF families or used to be MILF combatants themselves. If MILF members have given them shelter, that doesn't mean the MILF is protecting them. The MILF has denied it is protecting criminals. If that is hard to believe, the government panel should raise it as an issue in the peace talks.

But to deploy thousands of soldiers in order to hunt down a handful of bandits who are thought to be hiding in populous villages is to play an insensitive game. It immediately dislocates thousands of fearful families whose deep insecurity makes them leave their homes and farms at the first burst of gunfire. Anyone who has ever had to abandon one's own home in haste to avoid being killed in the crossfire would know that this is what terror means. Is their pain part of the collateral damage of necessary wars?

Like the impending war in Iraq, this is an avoidable war. It is totally unprovoked. The military was not responding to an attack, nor was it facing an imminent threat of an attack from any armed group, whether rebel or plain bandit. The pursuit of the Pentagon elements seems more like a pretext rather than the real objective of such a huge operation.

Some unnamed government sources have been reported in the newspapers as saying that the military meant to preempt retaliatory attacks from the MILF, which could happen as soon as the United States starts assaulting Iraq. They were worried about the supposed unusual build-up of MILF forces in the Buliok Complex. If true, why are we doing this to ourselves? This is the same mind-set that drives the preemptive insanity of George W. Bush's government. We have no need for it. The ethno-religious and class fault lines of our society are active and troublesome enough as they are without us having to import American paranoia.

Two years ago, I made a visit to Pikit, North Cotabato, and saw for myself the remnants of the evacuation centers that for months had sheltered thousands of families who had fled from the war against the MILF. What I witnessed tore my heart, and I wondered how many more evacuations these hapless communities had to go through before they could begin to enjoy settled lives.

In Pikit, I met Normina Mamasabulod, a young Muslim girl who was working as a volunteer in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish of Fr. Bert Layson. Her story impressed me so much that I decided to make it a part of a book I was writing at that time. Her life is the diary of all evacuees and all the silent victims of the righteous wars of governments. I thought of her again the other day.

"Her most vivid childhood memory is of a dark day when she was 9. She is carrying a small bundle of clothes, and she is running. The whole village is running. She is scared and confused. There are explosions. In everyone's face; she sees confusion and fear. She holds on tight to her sister's skirt. Her father leads, glancing backward to check on them now and then. Her mother lags behind, holding her baby sister in her arms.

"After moving from one town to another that fateful day, they settled with relatives in Dungguan, a few towns away. They did not return to their home until a year later. By the time they returned, the farm was hardly familiar to her, for much of what she knew and held dear had been ruined and spoiled by the war."

That was her first encounter with the face of war. Evacuation became a regular routine for her village. "She recalls a night during a fiesta in their barangay in 1997, when she, then 14, joined the evening's revelry. The grains in the fields were ripe for harvest, and the barrio was in the mood to celebrate, even as they looked forward to many days of hard work. Cafgus—civilian militia deputized by the military—surrounded the place as usual, eyeing every movement. All of a sudden a grenade exploded, and mayhem followed. The Cafgus closed in and strafed the crowd indiscriminately. People fell. Normina saw two people die at close range."

"The following morning, Normina and her family were fleeing again. They barely had time to snatch a few things: a piece of bread for her younger sister; for her mother, a cooking pot. Normina grabbed a few of her clothes hanging on a line. The whole community—men, women and children—became, again, a horde of refugees fleeing their homes. There was to be no harvest. The grains would be left to rot in the sun."

This is a story that is familiar to many communities around the world that have lived in a time of war, regardless of their religion or race. Marilou Diaz-Abaya captured it most poignantly in her film "Bagong Buwan." That film says it all for us: The conflicts of our time can be solved neither by arms nor by arguments. Their resolution can only begin with the stories that people of cultures different from ours tell, stories that permit the rest of us to achieve an imaginative identification with the situation of fellow human beings we do not know well.

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Questionable shortcut in absentee voting

COMMENTARY

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FINALLY, after 16 long years, some seven million Filipinos working or living abroad will be able to participate in the election of the president, vice president, senators and party list representatives. Their first taste of electoral involvement will be in the 2004 national polls.

But it's not yet time for the expatriate Filipinos to uncork the champagne bottles. Congress still has to scrounge for at least P[illegible] billion from the deficit-ridden coffers of the government to defray the expenses for the registration of voters and procurement of the facilities needed to count and tabulate the absentee ballots.

Also, the Overseas Absentee Voting Act has to hurdle a possible court suit over the constitutionality of, among other issues, granting Filipinos with immigrant status or permanently residing abroad the right of suffrage.

At the heart of the issue of eligibility to vote is the constitutional provision that says the right is limited to Filipino citizens, not otherwise disqualified by law, who are at least 18 years of age and have resided in the Philippines for at least one year and in the place where they propose to vote for at least six months prior to the election.

With regard to the citizenship requirement, Filipino immigrants or permanent residents of other countries who have not sworn allegiance to their new countries perfectly fit the bill. But whether or not they satisfy the requirement of one-year residency in the country and six-month stay in the place where they propose to vote is a big question mark.

Circumvention

To go around this constitutional issue, Congress made it a condition for voting for the immigrant to first submit an affidavit stating that he intends to resume actual permanent residence in the Philippines not later than three years after his registration as an absentee voter.

He is not obliged to make a firm commitment to return to the Philippines within that period. It is enough that he plans to take up residence in this country again. Whether or not the intention will ripen into actual action is left to his judgment or discretion.

The fact that such an affidavit has to be made is an implied admission that Filipino immigrants do not meet squarely the residency requirement for voting purposes. The affidavit is aimed at making it appear that their stay abroad is only temporary and therefore their residency in the Philippines from the time they left, regardless of the number of years, remains uninterrupted.

In other words, even if they are living outside of the Philippines with the clear intention to stay out for good, they can, at the same time, be considered Philippine residents in order to participate in the electoral exercise.

Noticeably, the affidavit is not required of Filipinos who are abroad for employment or educational purposes. In their case, their absence from the country is clearly temporary and there is no question about their coming back when their employment contracts end. Their compliance with the residency requirement is beyond dispute.

The affidavit scheme may be considered as some sort of a *palusot*, as we call it in the vernacular. Or an effort to make something that is of questionable validity look right by giving it a form that will conceal its defects. Lawyers often engage in this activity if they want to legitimize an otherwise illegal act or try to justify an untenable situation.

Actions

Aside from attempting to circumvent the constitutional provision on voter's residency, the affidavit makes it appear that the written statement of the intention to return to the Philippines overrides whatever acts the Filipino immigrant may have performed in the past to show his desire to live for good in another country.

This time it's "words speak louder than action," rather than the other way around. Never mind the fact that the Filipino immigrant has sold all his properties in the Philippines, given away to relatives and friends everything that cannot be converted to cash and bought a house made of strong materials in his chosen country for his and his family's use.

If the objective of the affidavit is to be believed, all those acts are immaterial and irrelevant. They are not sufficient to show that the Filipino immigrant wants to spend the rest of his life in the new country. That his application for permanent residency in another country is all for show. As stated in his affidavit, he will give up all these things and return to the Philippines not later than 2007. Under the law, that statement is sufficient to clarify whatever doubts may exist about their compliance with the residency requirement.

When an alien applies for Filipino citizenship, it is not enough, for example, for him to state that he has embraced Filipino customs and traditions. He has to show proof of performance of acts that will prove that statement. He will be required to submit the sworn statements of friends who can attest to his, say, respecting the Lenten season or participating in Filipino cultural activities.

Thus, written protestations of love for the Philippines are not taken at their face value. They have to be backed up by deeds. The affidavit that will be required of Filipino immigrants for voting purposes will not be measured by the same yardstick.

Respect the Charter

Contrary to the claim of the proponents of absentee voting, there is nothing in the Constitution that states that residency requirement can be relaxed to enable expatriate Filipinos to participate in the country's electoral processes.

The applicable Charter provision reads "Congress shall provide a system for absentee voting by qualified Filipinos abroad." It did not say "all Filipinos abroad." If the intention was to grant the right of suffrage to all holders of Filipino citizenship living outside of the country, the word "qualified" would not have been added to identify the Filipinos entitled to exercise that right.

Or the provision that spells out the qualifications for voting would have made an explicit exception to the effect that the residency requirement shall not cover those who may have immigrated to other countries but have remained citizens of the Philippines.

The fact that absentee voting is restricted to "qualified" Filipinos abroad shows the intent of the Constitution to maintain the integrity of the qualifications for voting which include the residency requirement. That condition is fulfilled by a Filipino who is temporarily out of the country for any reason other than immigration since he will definitely come back as soon as the purpose for his leaving is accomplished.

In the effort to satisfy the demand of Filipino immigrants for participation in our political affairs, Congress may have unwittingly emasculated the Constitution.

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TALK *of the* TOWN

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Why are doctors taking up nursing?

IT is an alarming phenomenon. Filipino doctors are taking up nursing so they can leave for the United States. They include specialists, who had spent at least 15 years training in the art and science of healing.

As of last count, at least 2,000 doctors are enrolled in nursing. Some have already left for the United Sates, where demand for nurses is estimated at 600,000 between now and 2010.

The brain drain is aggravating the shortage of physicians in rural areas. In this day and age, there are towns without doctors.

Doctors are leaving for various reasons, foremost of which is the chance to get a US immigrant visa. Other come-ons like a signing bonus of $7,000 while doctors are still taking up nursing and housing allowance for three months are hard to resist.

The situation in the country is not of much help in making doctors stay. Patients who can't afford doctors' fees, the Medical Malpractice Bill, the 10-percent value-added tax, peace and order problem, and the possibility of another action star becoming president.

Something must be done fast to stem the exodus. Preventing doctors from leaving will violate their right to travel. Requiring nurses to spend a few years in the country before they can leave may be unpopular, but can be done.

'I can't afford to buy a house'

By Dr. Manuel Yuhico
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MY father had told me that of all his children, who became professionals, I would be the most successful. Doctors don't go hungry. It's probably true that before a doctor goes hungry the entire population must be in dire straits.

When I started practicing medicine in 1997, after my internship and residency in the Philippines, and five years of fellowship in the United States and France, all my savings went to finding clinics in hospitals where I could practice.

I first went to Cardinal Santos and then to Asian Hospital where I now practice. I would have wanted to join the Philippine General Hospital (PGH), having been a graduate of University of the Philippines but PGH did not have enough room for another urologist like me. Makati Medical Center was an option but it required their doctors a total purchase of about P3 million worth of stocks. I didn't have that money. Medical City required a capital outlay of P1.2 million in both stocks and membership fees. That excluded the clinic.

Mistaken notion

People have the mistaken notion that being a doctor is a lucrative job. On the one hand, the many medical students who graduate yearly are not absorbed by hospitals in the Philippines. On the other hand, the career of a doctor requires many years of study, from college, medicine, internship, residency, fellowship. The average Filipino does not have the financial means to go through all that, unless one is rich or has a business to support himself.

When I reach the age of 60, I better have my own house. I better have enough savings so when I get sick I will get the medical attention I need, the same one I now give to people. Many doctors I know, just when they have finished long years of studying, find themselves sick and unable to practice. Many doctors like me cannot even afford to buy their own house. As a single person at 42 I still have to rent a place to stay. Many other doctors in a similar situation take a lifetime saving up just to get themselves a clinic.

The reality is that the country has not improved economically, politically. The many problems we thought would be solved after we launched the people power "revolution" in 1986 remain unsolved.

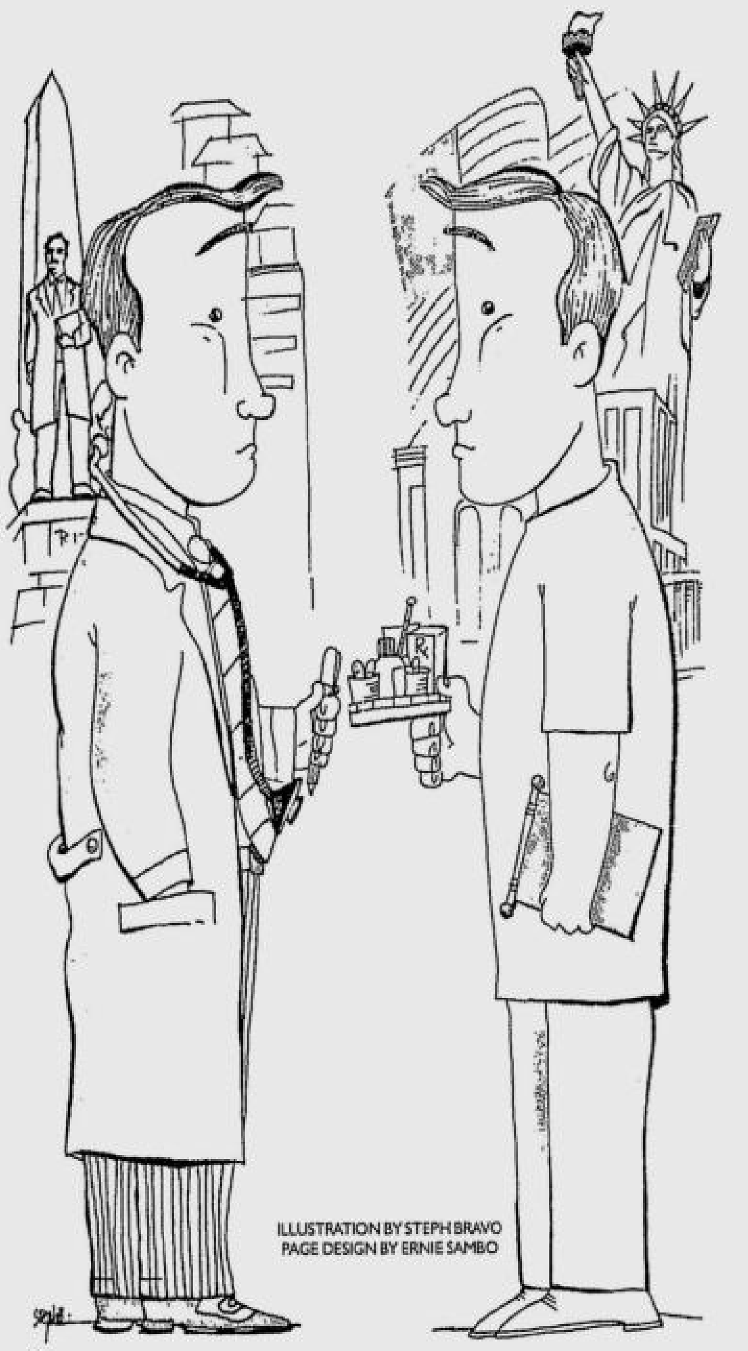
Dreams

Abroad, at least you get the feeling that things are improving. The option to leave the Philippines at least provides us a better chance of pursuing our dreams and putting our education to good use. My training abroad exposed me to the best hospital facilities, yet I am unable to put that to good use because most hospitals here do not have the technology I am trained for. The even sadder part is that medical care, a universal right, is not accessible to the people here.

There are countless instances when I would waive my professional fees just to treat a poor patient. But when the patient finds out about hospital bills, medicines and other expenses, he leaves. And even if hospitals want to help, they cannot support all the patients or they lose money. There are certain expenses involved in providing medical care. Most patients simply cannot afford them. To a doctor, patients refusing to avail themselves of medical care for financial reasons is very frustrating.

Easiest way to leave

So, many doctors leave. And the easiest way is to take up nursing, a profession that has already evolved in many countries. Because of their demand abroad, especially in the United States, nurses immediately become immigrants as soon as they step on US soil. Doctors, on the other hand, have to re-do their residency for another five to six years in the United States to become accredited. If you work as a nurse in the United States, at $3,000 a month, you would be earning a peso equivalent more than the average doctor here would earn at the peak of his career. With that money abroad, you can buy a decent home and drive a respectable car.



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'Taking up nursing will give us a chance to get an immigrant visa'

Besides, nursing abroad has begun to take over many of the responsibilities that normally are fields of the doctor. Nurses are now into research, anesthesiology, primary care, ER and administration. Being a doctor makes the possibility of working as a nurse more exciting.

Of course there is a way to make doctors stay. When medical care shall have become a truly universal right of every citizen, doctors will want to stay because they know they can put their training to good use. When the political and economic environment shall have stabilized, doctors will want to stay because they know that even their families' future is secure. The important thing too, is that what we earn as professionals is commensurate to the amount of work we do. When I pay my taxes and I see where they go, that could make me stay.

(Interview by Cynthia Alanigue)

'State doctors don't get enough'

By Dr. Acle Luzurriaga
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LET'S face it. We're not enrolled in nursing for the heck of it. We want to go abroad and earn a better income. When I learned that even highly paid consultants in Bacolod were taking up nursing, I asked myself, "why not?"

I enrolled in nursing because it was a group idea. The Philippines is not a good place to practice medicine anymore because there is too much competition.

Private practitioners in Negros Oriental, for instance, get very low professional fees, which may not even be enough to pay for the procedures they perform. In Cebu, there are a lot of doctors who are doing general surgery so you compete among each other for a specific number of patients.

For us government physicians, while we are assured of a steady income, what we get is not enough. Most government doctors now are into other businesses like running a pharmacy just to sustain their lifestyle.

My family is supporting me on this. I told my sister, who is in the United States, about it and she welcomed the idea. So did my mother, brothers and other sisters.

'We look at nursing as a fallback position'

By Dr. Geraldine V. Gonzales
Obstetrician, Davao City

I HAVE been a doctor since 1988. As the eldest in a family of five, my decision to become a doctor was influenced by my parents. After high school, I found myself enrolled in a medical school in Manila.

The practice of medicine in the Philippines has generally been good. But lately, doctors have been having second thoughts after the Medical Malpractice Bill was introduced in Congress and the Bureau of Internal Revenue started collecting the additional 10-percent value-added tax.

That's when the idea of enrolling in nursing became more inviting. My friends were already enrolled so I decided to join them. It's more of a fad—a growing trend among doctors. If it pays off, at least *"nauna na kami."*

But most of us are not thinking of immediately leaving the country. We look at a nursing degree as a fallback position. With the depreciating peso and political instability in the country today, who can tell what will happen next?

My parents are very supportive of my decision. They were glad I enrolled in nursing because my mother who visited my sister and sister-in-law in the United States found that life was good for them there. I also have a sister who is a nurse in Saudi Arabia.

Our nursing school now is having its third batch of doctors. The first batch consisted of 23 doctors. There were 43 doctors in the second batch. For this third batch, there are 130. They are mostly private practitioners and specialists.

(Interview by Alex V. Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau)

'We are losing good specialists'

By Dr. Ofelia Samar-Sy
Vice president, Philippine College of Physicians, Bicol chapter

ASIDE from protesting the Medical Malpractice Bill and the 10-percent value-added tax on professionals, doctors are taking up nursing so they can leave the country when things become truly unbearable for them.

Last year, when I heard that some doctors were taking up nursing so they could go to the United States, I didn't give it much thought. At the time, I thought those doctors probably didn't have a good practice or the opportunity to undergo subspecialty training.

Specialists too

But I was surprised to find out that they were no ordinary physicians. They have lucrative practice in their respective specialties and have a very good family life. Some of them graduated from the University of the Philippines and trained at the Philippine General Hospital(PGH). So, after 10 grueling years taking up medicine and another three to six years getting specialty training, why do they have to undergo the humbling experience of taking up nursing?

Last week, at the board meeting of the Albay Medical Society, Inc., we tackled the growing number of Bicolano doctors taking up nursing. In the Bicol region at least 122 doctors are enrolled in a nursing course, representing about 20 percent of the active practitioners, who are mostly specialists. Many more are joining the fad.

Second class citizens

During my residency, majority of my batch mates at PGH went to the United States. The flight of our colleagues then affected us who were left behind. But it was a wise career move because they were going there for training as physician-specialists in their chosen fields. But this time, it is a different story. Is the situation in our country too much to bear for doctors that they are willing to become students again and work in the United States even if they are considered "second-class-citizens?" And not as doctors but as nurses.

To satisfy my curiosity, I interviewed some doctor-friends. I remembered my batch mate at PGH, Gerry Casiño. In 1987, he impressed me so much because in spite of a good practice in Cagayan de Oro, he opted to leave his family behind to train at PGH for five years. Now, after eight years of rewarding practice, he is determined to leave Cagayan de Oro again. But this time, he is headed for the United States as a nurse.

Dr. Casiño, an internist-pulmonologist and chair of the Department of Medicine of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center and Medical Specialist III, is the president of the pioneer batch of doctors in Cagayan de Oro taking up nursing.

He said doctors were leaving the country as nurses not due to money problems or to unsuccessful medical practice.

Diplomates, fellows

"All the 65 doctors in my batch are diplomates and fellows with good practice. Three of us are department heads of some hospitals. For us, money is not everything. We are taking up nursing so we can leave the country because of the deteriorating peace and order situation particularly in the South," he said.

Ferdinand Miranda, who is connected with almost all hospitals in Cagayan de Oro, and is graduating this March as a nurse,is apprehensive about the malpractice bill. "As an anesthesiologist, the risk is much higher. As a nurse, the malpractice liability is not that much. Also, I want to take the opportunity to earn more abroad while my older classmates wanted to avail themselves of the bigger retirement benefits which they cannot get in our country," he said.

There are about 90 doctors in his batch, 25 to 40 doctors in the succeeding three batches and a lot more doctors are planning to enroll next semester, according to Dr. Miranda.

FPJ factor

Two doctors, who refused to be identified, said that becoming a nurse would be their ticket to the United States in case action king Fernando Poe Jr. becomes our president.

Charina Rebancos, an anesthesiologist from Albay, said taking up nursing would give her a chance to get an immigrant visa, which is not available if one is going to the United States as a doctor. She said she was doing it for the future of her kids.

A male doctor, who does not want to be identified, is taking up nursing even if he has no plans to go abroad. *"Baka kailanganin. Nakisawsaw na din,"* he said.

At a recent party, a cardiologist from Laguna found that she was the only doctor at their table not taking up nursing. Even her sister, a pediatrician, and her brother-in-law, an obstetrician, are scheduled to leave next month as nurses so they can work in the United Sates while their son is undergoing a treatment program, which is available only there.

Others had already left. A topnotch obstetrician in Metro Manila had reportedly left the country with her family after finishing nursing. The obstetrician, who headed a department in a hospital, had sold her house in Ayala Alabang.

Most of the doctors I asked mentioned having a "fallback" position as their reason for taking up nursing. They added that issues like the proposed malpractice law and the imposition of VAT amid low-income opportunities were making their decision to work abroad as nurses more bearable and acceptable.

They said the exodus should prompt the government and lawmakers to improve the working opportunities for physicians.

Signing bonus

So what is in store for these doctors in nurses' cap abroad? Demand for doctor-nurses is high because of their superior clinical skills and academic advantage, according to Dr. Casiño.

Besides, they could easily pass the US examinations for nurses. Even if they are not yet finished with the nursing course, Filipino doctors already have employers abroad. They are not required to take the local board examination and the immigration papers for the whole family will be processed for free. They are usually fielded as nurses in specialty areas such as the Intensive Care Unit and operating rooms and as nurse-anesthetists. The salary is approximately $45 to $50 per hour.

While taking up nursing, they are offered a signing bonus of $7,000. Also part of the come-on are fare and hotel accommodation while they are on their way to the United States and free housing allowance for three months, according to Dr. Miranda.

With the dollar strengthening against the peso, who wouldn't be tempted?

Dr. Casiño wants to serve the country. But because the country cannot provide his family with security, he wishes to work as a nurse abroad.

Now, I understand why they are leaving. After all, they are human beings who need the basic necessities of life and who can be scared of gunfire, lawsuits and additional taxes. But I feel so sad because we are losing not just doctors but really good specialists.

I myself don't like to leave the country. I am happy where I am now with my family and patients. But, deep inside, I feel anxious and frightened. The alarming phenomenon is rather infectious. One day, I may just decide to enroll in a nursing course. But, I am still hoping that it is just a bad dream. That I can wake up one day and see a brighter future for our country.

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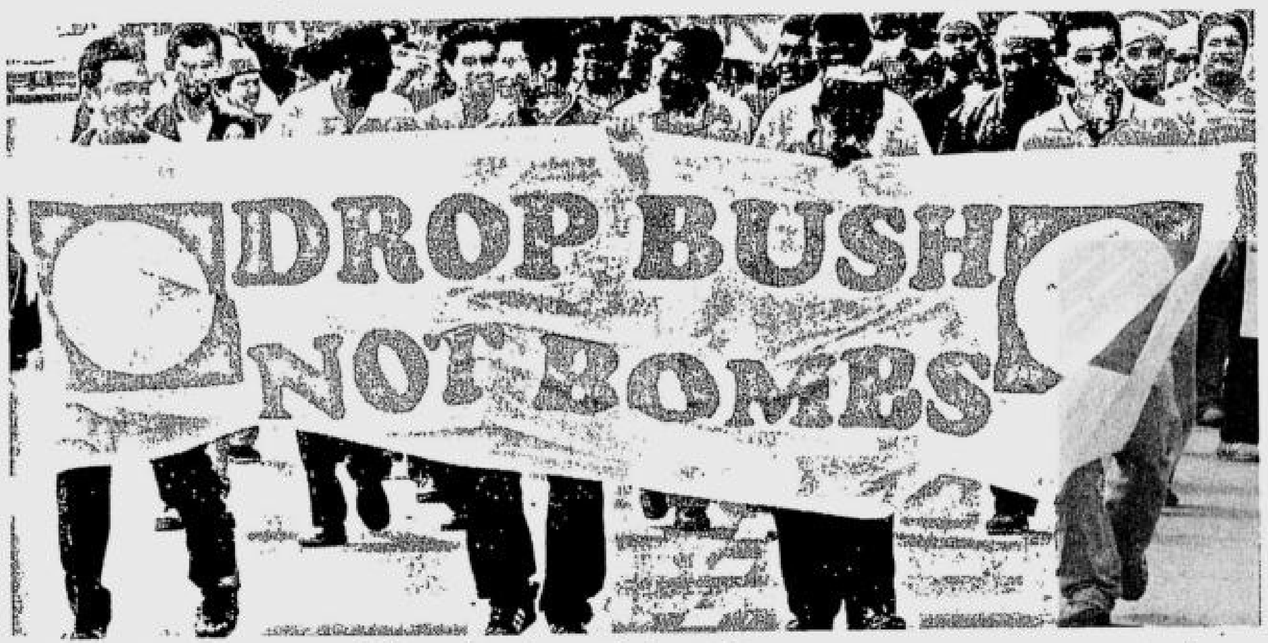

MALAYSIAN Muslim protesters hold an anti-war banner during a rally in downtown Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 15. Defying police orders, about 1,500 activists and opposition supporters staged a protest outside the US embassy and the Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest buildings, in Kuala Lumpur as part of the global demonstrations against war in Iraq. AP

Australia, NZ start day of anti-war protests

AUCKLAND—Millions of people around the world were expected to demonstrate Saturday against war in Iraq after the US said it would wait only "weeks" before deciding to act against Baghdad.

Protest organizers were expecting to see people rally against possible conflict on a scale not seen since the demonstrations against the war in Vietnam, bolstered by the presence of politicians and stars in the world of show business.

The mass protests planned for Saturday kicked off in New Zealand where around 7,000 demonstrators filled the lawn in front of the parliament in Wellington while a similar number marched through Auckland, where yachting's America's Cup was taking place.

Environmental organization Greenpeace flew over the America's Cup village towing a large banner behind an aircraft, reading "No War, Peace Now."

Rallies were being held across Australia in Perth, Hobart and Canberra to be followed on Sunday by others in Brisbane, Darwin, Adelaide and Sydney.

More than 100,000 anti-war demonstrators were estimated to have jammed the center of Melbourne on Friday, bringing the city to a standstill in one of the biggest demonstrations seen in the city since the early 1970s.

Australia and Britain are the only countries so far to have sent forces to the Gulf to join the US military buildup in preparation for war to disarm Iraq.

In Tokyo, a month-old sit-in protest continued Saturday in front of the US embassy with a dozen activists holding up placards reading: "(Prime Minister Junichiro) Koizumi says yes. We say no to the attack on Iraq," "We support Old Europe," and "War is not the answer."

Protestor Tetsu Kawasaki said: "Some 900,000 people will become refugees as a result of war. The United States should heed what the international community says."

Around 25,000 protestors rallied in downtown Tokyo Friday night, according to organizers.

In the Thai capital Bangkok some 3,000 demonstrators marched to the US embassy Saturday chanting "Nothing justifies war," and "No war, we want peace."

"We are protesting to seek peace and to stop Bush from making war," Niti Hassan, secretary general of the Council of Muslim Organizations of Thailand, told AFP.

In Britain anti-war activists were expecting more than 500,000 people to turn out Saturday for a London march which they hoped would be the country's largest protest in recent times.

"It's going to be the biggest demonstration Britain has ever seen. A conservative estimate would be half a million people," Patrick Vandenbulck, a spokesperson for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, one of the march's organizers, told AFP.

Paris, Berlin and New York were also to be the focus of major demonstrations with marches and rallies additionally planned for Rome, Madrid, Athens, Istanbul and Paris.

"Whether or not the war takes place under the aegis of the United Nations, it will be catastrophic for the Iraqi and Kurdish peoples," French organizers said.

German unions, rights groups and political associations were gearing up for what was expected the biggest peace rally in Berlin in a decade.

"It will be the most surprising peace mobilization since the big protests of the 1980s," when the United States deployed missiles in Germany aimed at the former Soviet Union, said an organizer.

New York is the focus of the main United States anti-war demonstration, with hundreds of thousands expected at a rally near UN headquarters.

Celebrities expected included movie stars Danny Glover and Susan Sarandon.

Demonstrations were also being held or planned in Taiwan and Hong Kong while in the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal ex-British Gurkha soldiers were to rally in Kathmandu.

Islamic Asia is also due to mark its opposition to the war, with Malaysian activists expected to protest in the capital Kuala Lumpur and on the island state of Penang.

In Pakistan, the Lahore-based Pakistan Anti-War Committee, a coalition of labor and political groups, said it had protests planned for 20 cities.

Opinion polls in most countries show large majorities of the population opposed to a war, especially if the United States tries to start one without backing from the United Nations.

Iraq, the target of the planned military assault, has the second largest known reserves of oil of any country in the world, after Saudi Arabia.

The rallies were being held after chief weapons inspector Hans Blix delivered a mixed report at the United Nations on Iraqi disarmament which left the United States in a minority in arguing against further inspections.

After the tense Security Council session on Friday, US Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States would only wait "weeks" before deciding whether to launch its own action. *AFP*

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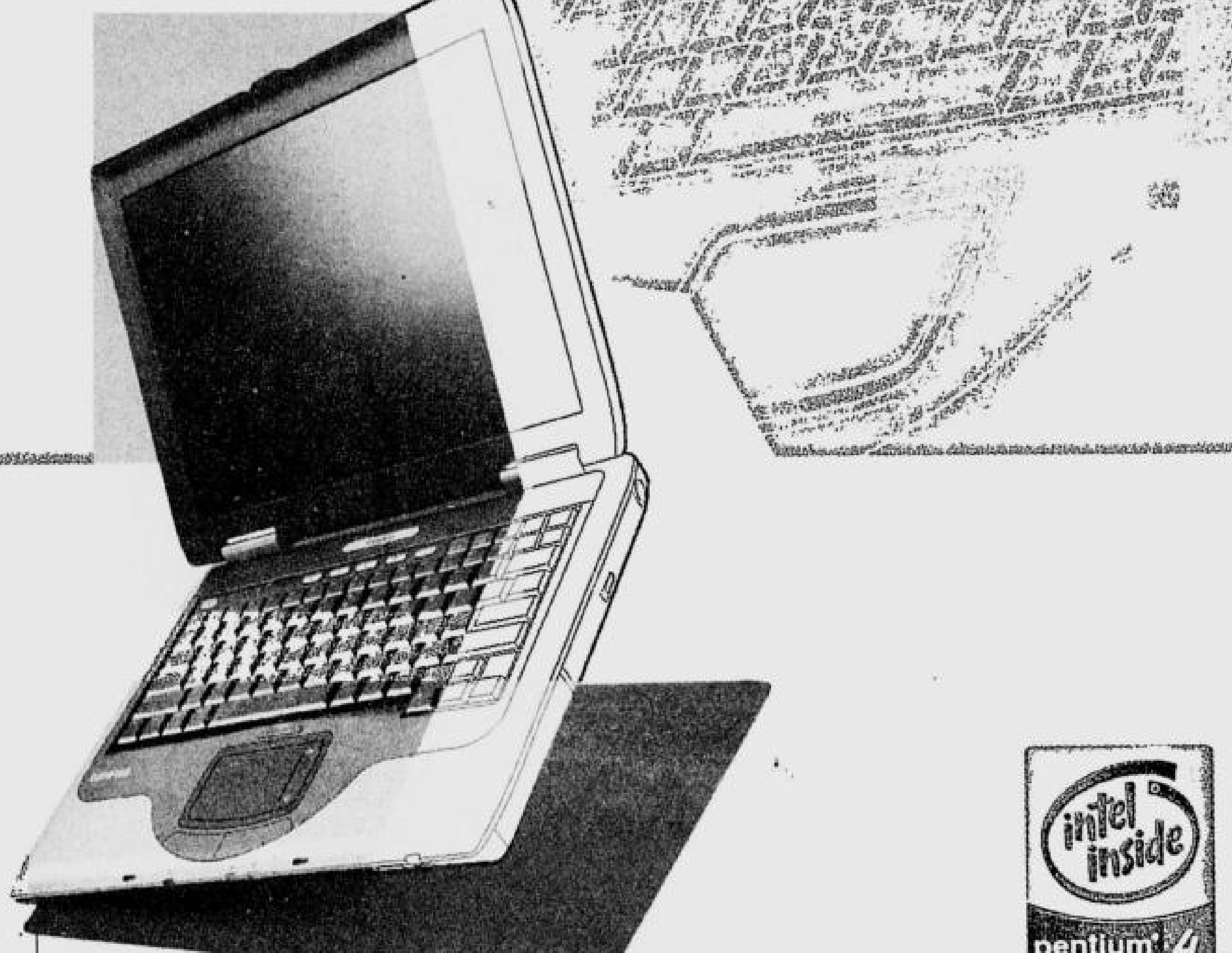

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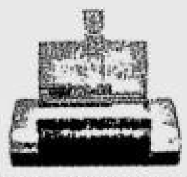

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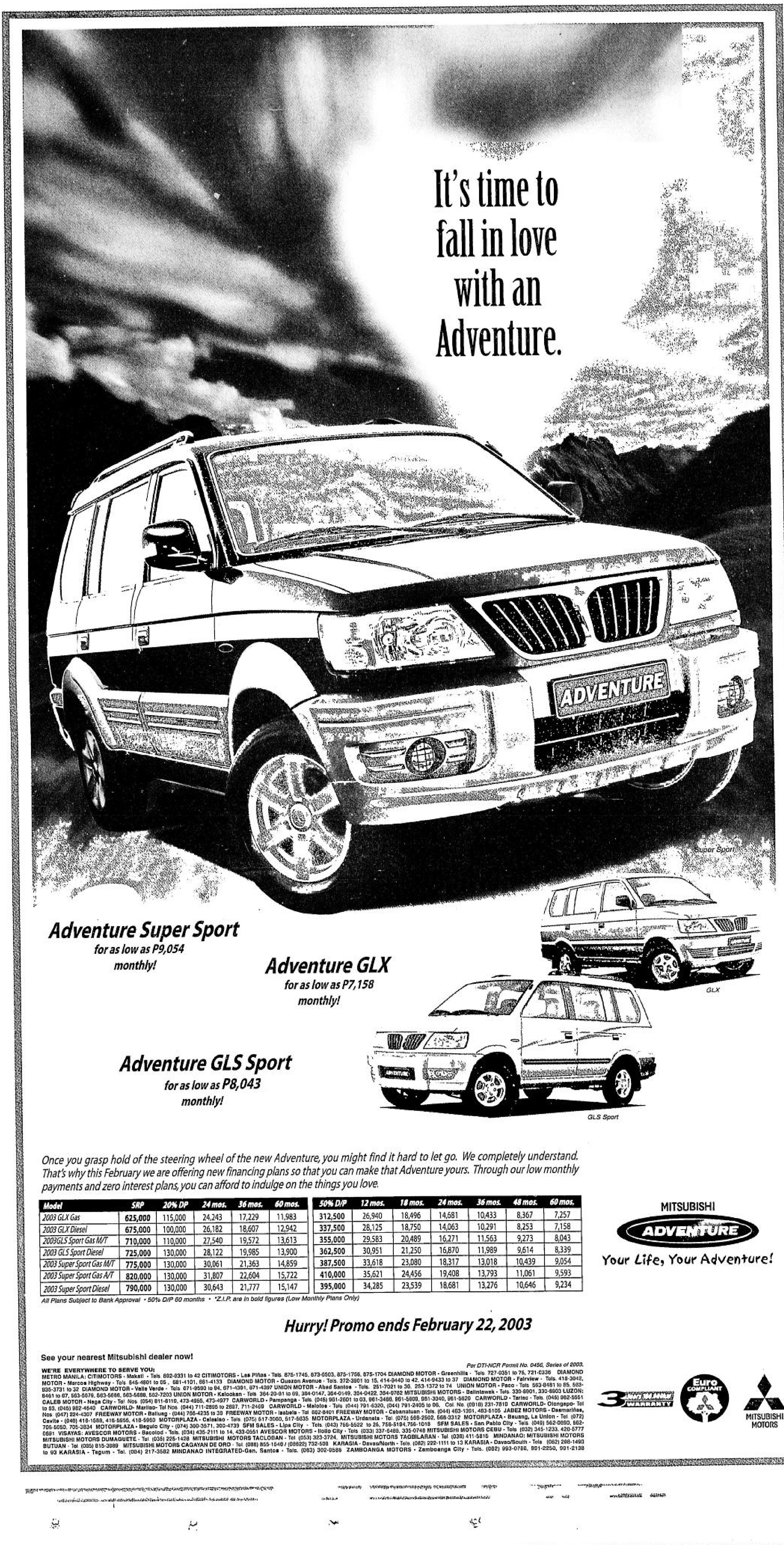

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N. Korea could have 6 nukes by mid-year —Rumsfeld

NEW YORK—If North Korea continues to amass fissionable material at its current pace, it could have enough to build "five or six" nuclear weapons by mid-year, US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Friday.

The United States was "able to do a great deal militarily" to deal with North Korea, he told reporters. "But we cannot do much politically and diplomatically alone. We need support."

Rumsfeld described the situation as "a very serious problem."

Central Intelligence Agency researchers believe the North Koreans "have one or two nuclear weapons . . . and will be able to produce sufficient nuclear material by the summer to produce six weapons," he said.

"This is a threat to South Korea, to Japan, but also a real threat to the world."

Rumsfeld said North Korea was "the world's leading proliferator in missiles," and that Washington needed "contributions" from other nations in combating the threat posed by Pyongyang. *AFP*

Harmless virus may slow down AIDS

WASHINGTON—A harmless virus that seems to infect millions of people without causing symptoms may help slow the deadly progress of the AIDS virus, researchers said.

The virus, called GBV-C, may block one of the cellular doorways used by the AIDS virus to infect cells, researchers told a meeting of HIV experts. More study may lead to new ways to treat the virus, which infects 36 million people worldwide.

The good news is that many HIV patients in the United States seem to be infected with the virus, the researchers told the 10th annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections being held in Boston.

The findings may help explain why some people survive for decades without serious complications from the virus, said Dr. Carolyn Williams of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who helped lead one of the studies.

Such patients eventually succumb to the virus, but it takes much longer than for the average patient.

Researchers discovered GBV-C in 1995. They also called it hepatitis G, but that name has been dropped because, unlike hepatitis viruses, this one does not seem to damage the liver.

Like the AIDS virus, GBV infects immune system cells called lymphocytes.

In September 2001 a team at the University of Iowa reported they had found the virus in the blood of HIV patients, and said these patients seemed to resist the ravages of AIDS for longer than normal. *Reuters*

Investigators seek reasons for hole which doomed shuttle

SPACE CENTER—The Columbia investigation board is trying to zero in on what caused the hole in the shuttle's aluminum skin that apparently allowed super-hot gases to penetrate the wing and destroy the spacecraft.

The investigators have said that a gash or some other kind of breach probably doomed the spacecraft.

Columbia broke up in the sky over Texas, killing its crew of seven and leaving a trail of debris from Texas to Louisiana.

No debris has been found west of Texas, although New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said Friday that Nasa believed a piece of space shuttle wing might have fallen in the Sandia Mountains there. A search was planned for Saturday.

Meanwhile, the board is analyzing various possible causes for the breach. One possibility, raised from the very start of the investigation, is that the shuttle was damaged by a hard piece of foam insulation that fell off the external fuel tank during liftoff.

On Friday, flight director Leroy Cain said that the foam debris immediately came to mind on Feb. 1 during the shuttle's final moments when he was first told of sensors breaking down in the spacecraft's left wing as it glided toward home.

Cain said when he learned about the sensor readings, he did not imagine that it would spell the end for the shuttle and its crew: "I did not think that we would lose it."

As for other possible causes of the damage, not even sabotage has been ruled out, investigation board chair Adm. Harold Gehman Jr. said.

"Any purposeful hindrance or damage is included in our investigation just like everything else," he said. "Everything is on the table."

George J. Gleghorn, a retired TRW Inc. engineer and former member of the Nasa Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, said it is unlikely a piece of debris or meteoroid struck Columbia during its 16-day mission without anyone noticing.

That leaves liftoff as the most likely time for a breach to have occurred, said Gleghorn, a space debris expert.

"I would be surprised if something happened that caused a breach of the skin without being noticed unless it was that incident that happened during the ascent phase," Gleghorn said.

Investigators believe the breach allowed a stream of superheated gases to penetrate the shuttle's left wing, starting a cascade of failures.

One by one, sensors embedded throughout Columbia's left wing began recording unusual readings as the shuttle approached the California coast on Feb. 1. The precise meaning of those readings was not immediately clear to Mission Control, Cain said. *AP*

Bin Laden tape genuine, CIA analysis shows

WASHINGTON—A CIA technical analysis of an audiotape aired on al Jazeera satellite television channel this week shows "almost certainly" it is of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, a US intelligence official told Reuters on Friday.

"The technical analysis tells us it is almost certainly bin Laden," the intelligence official said, adding the audio was of better quality than a tape released last November.

US intelligence analysts familiar with bin Laden's voice had earlier this week determined the tape was probably of the al-Qaida leader, but it could not be determined to a greater degree of probability until the technical analysis was conducted.

The United States has blamed al-Qaida for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon that killed about 3,000 people.

On the most recent tape, bin Laden referred to attackers of the United States as "crusaders," called on Muslims in Iraq to fight, and labeled the Iraqi government "socialists" and "infidels" but said they had common cause against America.

Some US officials have seized on the references to Iraq in bin Laden's tape to promote their views that Baghdad has links to al-Qaida. Iraq denies any ties to al-Qaida. *Reuters*

Colombia rebs down US plane, hold survivors

BOGOTA—Colombian rebels downed a US anti-drug plane, killing two Americans, and took hostage two surviving US nationals and a Colombian official, investigators said Friday.

It is believed to be the first time guerrillas have downed a US plane in Colombia.

Rescuers found the charred Cessna late Thursday with the bodies of two of the five victims nearby, while the other three were taken away by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), officials told AFP.

Two of the kidnap victims are US citizens and the third is a Colombian national, according to the same source, who said that the two dead were US nationals.

The single-engine Cessna 208 took fire and crashed in the southern province of Caqueta while on an anti-drug mission, the government sources said.

"Two of the passengers, US citizens, were found dead from gunshot wounds near the craft and their three companions, two US citizens and a Colombian non-commissioned officer, were kidnapped by the . . . FARC," the investigator said.

Colombian officials had said in a statement Thursday that the plane had crashed because of mechanical failure.

The US Department of State in Washington confirmed the two deaths but declined to give further information on the rest of the plane's occupants, citing security reasons.

"We do not know where they are nor in what condition," a State Department official told AFP.

"We received reports on the bodies (found) near the wreckage of the plane but for the security of the members of the team and those connected with the search and rescue, we cannot offer any comment on the matter," the official said on condition of anonymity.

The official said that aboard the plane were US-contracted experts conducting a routine mission, but said that the plane crashed because of engine failure.

Florencia, the capital of Caqueta province, is in an area where the FARC, the largest rebel group in Colombia, is active.

The city is also located near the Tres Esquinas base that is home to three Colombian anti-drug battalions, including more than 2,000 troops trained by the US military, as well as a police force charged with the aerial fumigation of Colombia's illegal coca crops, the plants from which cocaine is made. *AFP*

Woman draws 20 for slaying hubby with car

HOUSTON, Texas—A jury here sentenced a Texas woman Friday to 20 years in prison, after convicting her of murdering her husband by repeatedly running over him with her car.

The jury on Thursday convicted dentist Clara Harris, 45, of killing her orthodontist husband in a jealous rage after confronting him and his mistress at a hotel.

Under Texas law, Harris is eligible for parole in 10 years, according to local news reports.

Harris, a dentist, tracked her husband David to a hotel in Houston's affluent Nassau Bay suburb days after learning from staff at the couple's shared dental practice that he was having an affair with an office employee, according to court testimony.

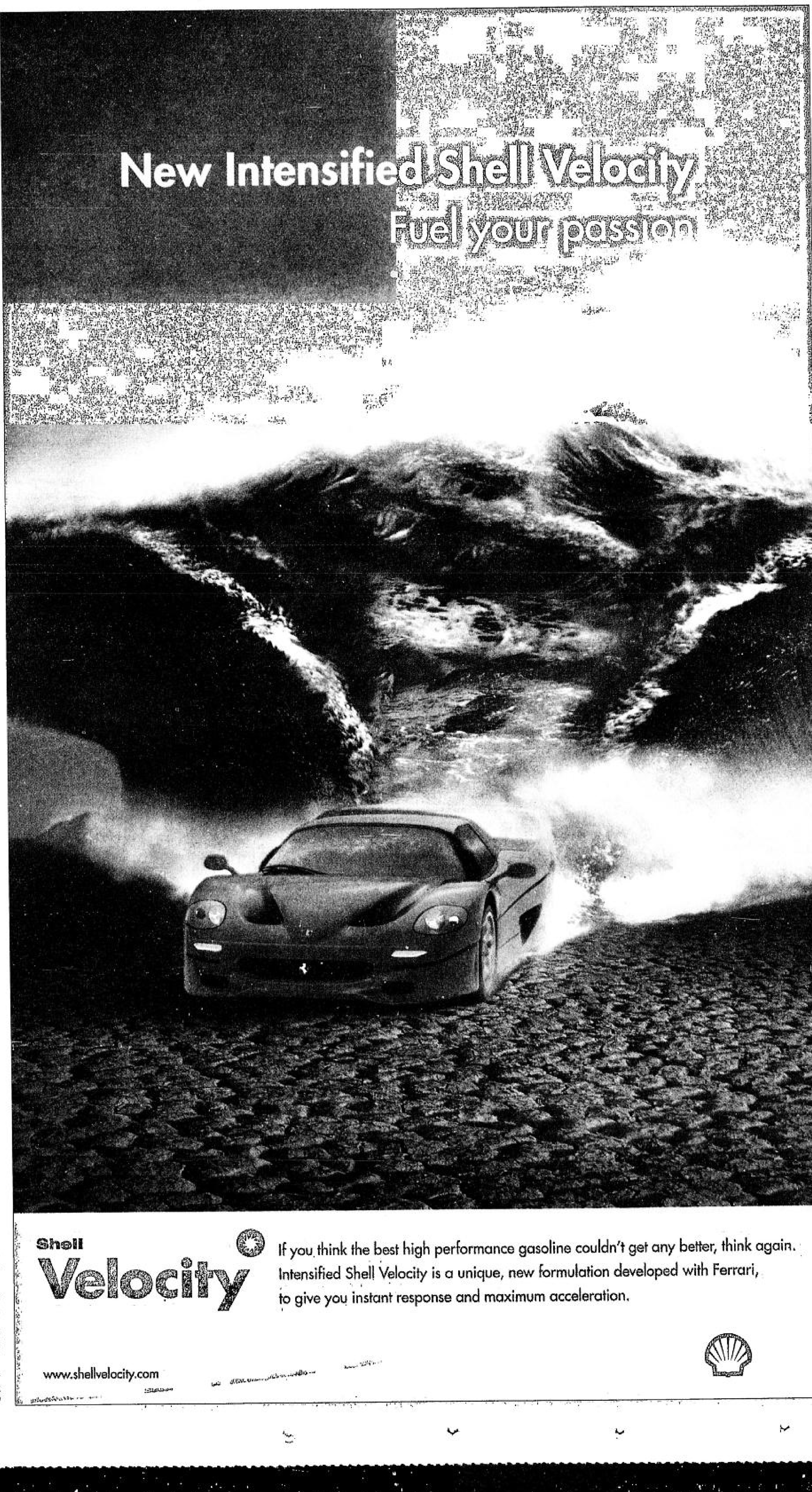
With her stepdaughter Lindsey in tow, Harris lured her husband into the hotel lobby by telling him via cell phone that one of their children was sick.

According to court testimony, Harris got into a physical confrontation with her husband and the mistress, Gail Bridges. Then, pulling her stepdaughter behind her, she got into her Mercedes Benz sedan.

Her stepdaughter Lindsey testified that Harris screamed, "I'm going to hit him!" then accelerated toward her husband.

Lindsey and other onlookers in the parking lot testified that Harris then ran over David as many as four times.

Harris's defense was that she had been trying to ram her husband's car, and only struck her husband by accident. *AFP*



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Missionary family flees Zamboanga

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—Fear for their own security has forced this American missionary, his wife and two children to leave Zamboanga City, which had been their home for five years.

"We decided to transfer (to Tacloban) out of fear," said Dennis Charles Young, 51 and a missionary of the Bible Baptist Church.

Dennis, his wife Mary Kathleen, 46, and children Jesse Stephen, 13 and Monica Justine, 8, have transferred to a six-bedroom house sitting on a 1,000 square-meter lot at Algo Homes Subdivision in San Jose District, an upscale subdivision whose residents include City Mayor Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez Sr.

But Dennis said he and his family are not the only ones leaving Zamboanga.

He said about 30 foreigners, mostly Americans, have started to leave Zamboanga out of fear that they might be target of sympathy attacks especially in the wake of the looming US war on Iraq.

He, however, could not say when this trend started and where these foreigners had opted to live.

The Bureau of Immigration and Deportation in Eastern Visayas (BID-8) said the application for change of address from foreigners who have permanent resident status in the country was its first.

"This is the first time that we received such request. Previous applications came from a foreigner who already lived in Eastern Visayas but desired to transfer to other areas within the region," Reynaldo Rostata, BID regional director.

With peace and order problems in Mindanao, he said he expected a big number of foreigners to transfer to Eastern Visayas.

More than 500 foreigners with a permanent resident status are living in Eastern Visayas. Of the number, 168 are Americans.

Rostata said he already approved the Youngs' request for transfer of residence when they went to his office on Feb. 10. The family paid the BID P2,000—P500 for each member.

Foreigners with permanent resident status in the Philippines are required to inform the BID if they decide to change their address. Failure to do so would carry a penalty of P200 in fine or imprisonment.

The Young family hails from Eden City, North Carolina. The couple and their two children arrived in Zamboanga City on April 30, 1997 to do missionary work.

As members of the Bible Baptist Church, the couple put up an orphanage center in Zamboanga called the Zamboanga Baptist Orphanage.

Dennis told the INQUIRER that they had grown to love Zamboanga and the people there but fear of attack from groups sympathetic to Iraq forced them to leave the city.

War over well turns bloody, leads to slay

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—One person was killed while another was wounded when a birthday party turned bloody Feb. 13 in Barangay Maribago, Lapulapu City, Mactan Island, Cebu.

The fatality was identified as Ricardo Pangatungan, 31. His aunt, Bonifacia Pangatungan, 61, suffered a bullet wound in the buttock and stomach.

The police arrested one of the four suspects identified as Rito Pangatungan (not related to the victims), 28, after a pursuit operation dawn of Feb. 14.

Three other suspects remain at large. They are brothers Teresito "Cito" and Eglenario Declanan and their nephew Joselito. Rito is the brother-in-law of the Declanan brothers.

SPO4 Geoffrey Baguio, chief homicide investigator, said hatred and personal grudge triggered the shooting during the birthday party of Ricardo's nephew.

He said the Declanans and the Pangatungans had been fighting over a well after the Declanans allegedly wanted to prevent other people from fetching water from the well.

At about 5 a.m. Wednesday, Bonifacia was fetching water when Rito allegedly frightened her with a laser light from a toy.

Baguio said Bonifacia ran in fright. The prank angered her children who confronted Rito's son by mistake.

Rito's family filed a complaint against Bonifacia before Maribago Barangay Capt. Lucridio Sollano. It was to be heard Friday.

On Thursday night, during a party, Ricardo asked the suspects why they scared his aunt Bonifacia.

Instead of answering, Cito allegedly pulled out a gun and shot Ricardo.

Hermogenes Pangatungan, Bonifacia's husband, told police Joselito finished off Ricardo as the victim lay on the ground.

Baguio said he and Bonifacia tried to flee but was shot by Rito and Eglenario.

Ricardo died at the Mactan Community Hospital in Lapulapu City. Bonifacia is recuperating.

WITH coffee in the starring role, street dancers celebrate the Pahimis Festival of Amadeo, Cavite.
NILO ALTERADO/CONTRIBUTOR

Coffee festival highlights town's entry into agricultural limelight

AMADEO, Cavite—The town that coffee built celebrates the last day of the three-day Pahimis (thanksgiving) Festival today, showcasing coffee and the *bayanihan* spirit of the people.

On Friday, participants as young as six-year-old girls and as old as 76-year-old grandmothers danced on the streets wearing coffee-decorated costumes while floats decorated by coffee beans, trees and leaves paraded.

The Pahimis Festival, which is a thanksgiving celebration with coffee in the starring role, started last year.

Town mayor Albert Ambagan said it is still the people who play the major role in the bigger coffee yield.

"But our festival and efforts to revive the coffee industry will be useless if we don't plant coffee," Ambagan said, "That's why after the festival, we will go back to the farms and plant coffee."

Ambagan, like all the other local government officials, has adopted a coffee farm to inspire farmers to plant the crop.

Last year, Amadeo implemented the rehabilitation and re-fertilization of 780 hectares of standing coffee trees under the rehabilitation program of the National Coffee Development Board (NCDB), Landbank of the Philippines, and Department of Agriculture-Quedancor.

Ambagan said that starting June this year, or the rainy season, Amadeo town intends to cover another 1,000 hectares under the program in which 7,000 new coffee trees will be planted.

The rehabilitation will produce approximately 7,000 metric tons of coffee.

Since last month, Amadeo started an Adopt-a-Coffee-Farm program that invites the private sector to adopt or lease at least one hectare of coffee farm.

This is done to address the problem of idle, abandoned, or underutilized lands and run them into productive coffee farms.

According to Rene Tongson, an NCDB director, *pahimis* means thanksgiving.

"It is customary in Amadeo that on the first days of coffee harvest, the planters give out the coffee as *pahimis* or giveaway in thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest," Tongson said, "Now, we adopt that in the Pahimis Festival, and people dance in thanksgiving and in hopes of better coffee yield next year."

The goal of the festival, according to Tongson, is to draw public awareness to the sad state of the coffee industry.

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon was the special guest and speaker at the festival's kick-off party on Friday.

Participants this year reached about 2,000, compared to last year's 600.

Nine dance-groups from the town's 26 clustered barangays joined the street dancing contest and parade. *Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Gov learns painful lesson in taking pill

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—Negros Oriental Gov. George Arnaiz was rushed to the hospital for emergency throat surgery Thursday after he took his maintenance pill—still wrapped in plastic.

The governor has been discharged from the hospital but he remains clueless as to why he gulped down the pill still inside its container.

Arnaiz was preparing to do his regular afternoon workout at the Lorenzo Teves Aqua Center gym on Thursday when he drank a tablet of Norvasc, his maintenance medicine for hypertension.

He realized that he failed to remove the pill from its plastic container when he felt a stabbing pain in his throat.

His aides rushed Arnaiz to the Negros Oriental Provincial Hospital. The doctors checked on him but they could not find the obstruction in his throat.

The doctors then decided to transfer him to the Silliman University Medical Center, where two throat surgeons were placed on standby.

After an X-ray revealed the location of the obstruction, doctors had to put Arnaiz under general anesthesia for the surgical procedure to remove the foreign body.

One of Arnaiz's attending physicians said they found the unopened plastic container after the "Adam's apple."

Arnaiz remained at the hospital's Intensive Care Unit on Friday but the physician said it was only because they were short of rooms.

"He's all right now. In fact, he received visitors in his room Friday afternoon," a doctor told the INQUIRER.

Provincial Information Officer Josie Columna said the operation was a minor one because the foreign object was immediately found in the governor's throat.

"We're thankful that it did not land in the windpipe," she said.

Columna said Arnaiz even met with some of his staff after he was transferred from the ICU to a private room.

Arnaiz, however, was surprised to learn that Vice Gov. Jose Baldado was also hospitalized Thursday night for hypertension.

Baldado paid a visit on the governor as the vice governor checked out of the hospital Friday afternoon.

Aide of slain kidnap gang head found dead

DAVAO CITY—The alleged henchman of slain Pentagon leader Faizal Marohombsar was found dead near the San Rafael Bridge in Barangay Maa here early Friday.

Abdul Macaumbang's body was riddled with bullets from high-powered firearms.

His arms and wrist also bore rope marks, an indication that he was hogtied.

The discovery of Macaumbang's body came only a few hours after operatives of the Davao City Police Office arrested him.

He was picked up at around 8 p.m. on Thursday from his hideout in Ecoland Subdivision in Matina District, about 2 kilometers from Maa.

Chief Insp. Filmore Escobal, chief of the Sta. Ana police station, admitted that his operatives had killed Macaumbang.

He said the suspected Pentagon member fought back, forcing his escorts to shoot him.

Escobal said Macaumbang was leading police to other members of the gang in Maa.

It was not clear why his men abandoned Macaumbang's body there.

Macaumbang was Marohombsar's companion when he bolted the detention cell of the now defunct National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force in Camp Crame on June 19, 2002.

Rolando Patinio, also an alleged leader of a notorious Manila-based kidnap-for-ransom group, was with them then.

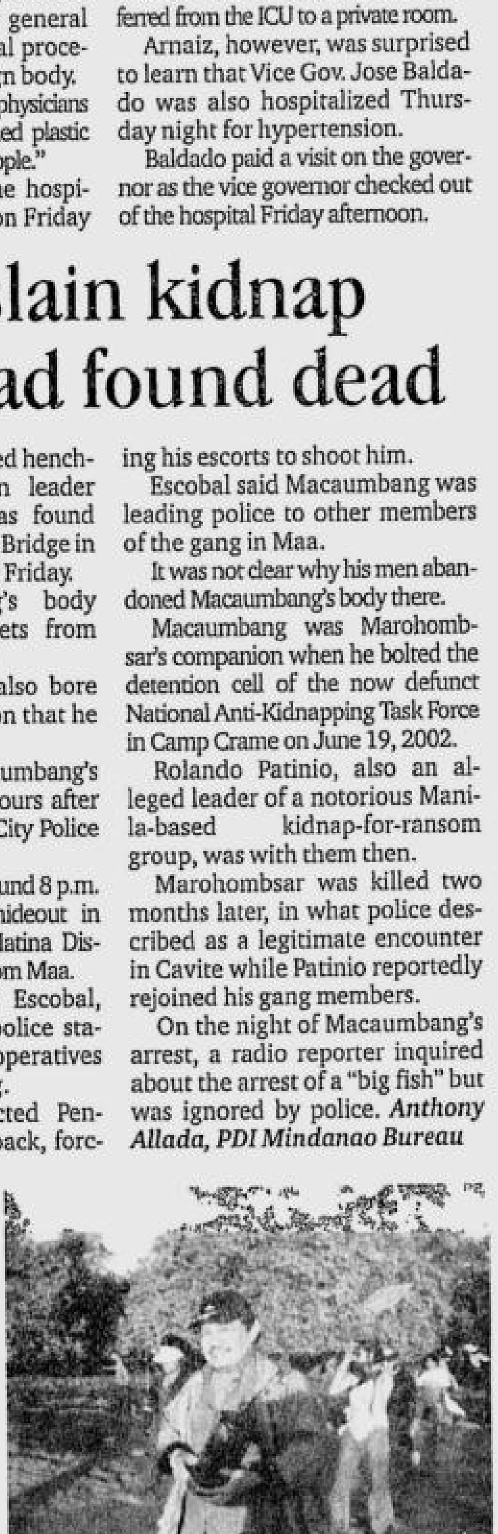
Marohombsar was killed two months later, in what police described as a legitimate encounter in Cavite while Patinio reportedly rejoined his gang members.

On the night of Macaumbang's arrest, a radio reporter inquired about the arrest of a "big fish" but was ignored by police. *Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Earthquake jolts Masbate

LEGAZPI CITY—It was a dizzy Saturday afternoon for Masbate residents as an earthquake, measured at Intensity 5, shook the province at exactly 1:47 p.m. yesterday.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology based in Legazpi City said the quake reached a magnitude of 5.2 and had its epicenter at 12.2 degrees north, 123.7 degrees east, 13 kilometers south and 47 degrees east of Masbate City.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MANGROVE PROTEC
Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn celebrates Valentines' Day with a program to revive the city's mangrove forests.

Anti-war fever spreads to Visayas

ABOUT 3,000 people in the Visayan cities of Cebu, Iloilo and Bacolod attended separate prayer rallies on Thursday and on Friday to protest against the US plan to invade Iraq.

About 2,000 persons, mostly students from religious schools, converged at the Plaza Independencia in downtown Cebu City at about 2 p.m. Friday.

They marched to the Fuente Osmeña Rotunda, a distance of about 2 kilometers, where a short program was held. Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal sent a message read for him by Msgr. Vicente Manuel during the rally.

In his message, Vidal urged the faithful to pray for peace.

"If waging war is an act of faith in one's capacity to dominate, waging peace is an act of faith in providence of God," Vidal's message said.

"If the powerful and the mighty have their arms and soldiers to wage war, we will have our prayers to wage peace," he added.

In Iloilo City, around 150 protesters also on Friday gathered across the Jaro Cathedral and offered prayers, flowers, songs and lighted candles to voice their opposition to the US war on Iraq.

The protesters, mostly students and members of religious groups, called for worldwide opposition to US plans to attack Iraq.

The youth groups include the National Union of Students of the Philippines, Anakbayan and League of Filipino Students.

The students groups also displayed heart-shaped placards in schools to show their protest.

Representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, United Church of Christ of the Philippines, Philippine Independent Church, and the Salvation Army joined the ecumenical prayer.

Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo quoted poems in his message to call for peace.

". . . Let us declare that we choose inclusion instead of excluding others; expanding acceptance, instead of restricting rejection; love and dialogue, instead of hate; peace, instead of war!" said Lagdameo.

In Negros Occidental, about 1,000 Negrenses of different faiths gathered at the public plaza in Bacolod City on Thursday to join the world in storming heaven with prayers to stop the war on Iraq. *Jhunnex Napallacan, Nestor Burgos Jr. and Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Groups back Tesda head

A GROUP of overseas performing artist testing officers and venue owners has rallied behind the leadership of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) Director General Dante Liban in his campaign to reform the Tesda.

The group, calling itself Concerned Testing Officers of OPAs, issued a manifesto and recently staged a rally expressing its support for Liban.

Another group, the Association of Accredited Testing Venues, also threw its all-out support for Liban in his reform program.

In a statement, AATV head Albert Rejante said Liban is being criticized now because "he cannot please everybody."

The CTOOPA also denied reports that it was compelling its members to pre-approve artists without assessing their competence.

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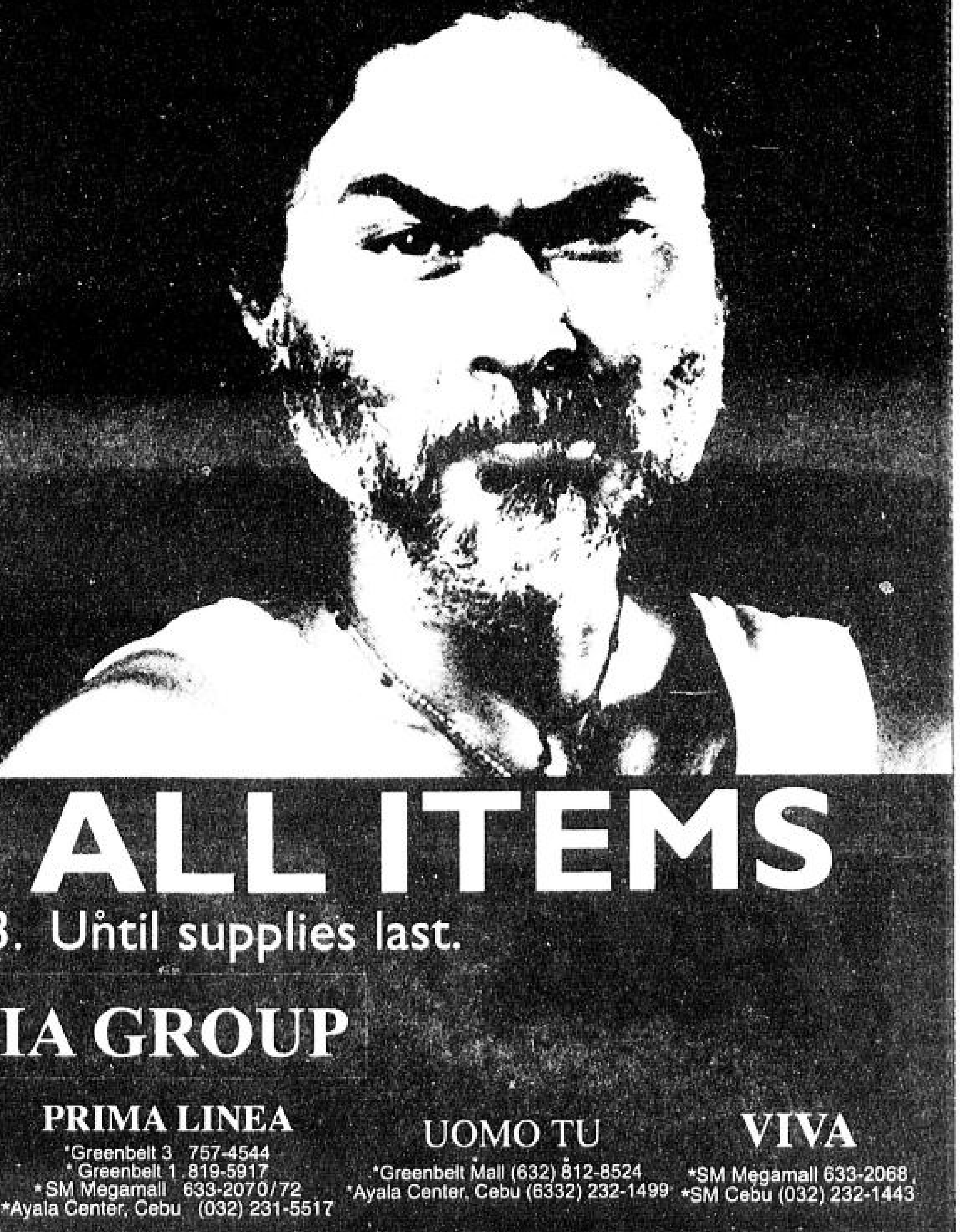

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Liguasan: Wetland to wasteland?

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LIGUASAN, a vast expanse of marshland covering an area of about 288,000 hectares across the provinces of Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat and Cotabato, has invaluable economic, historical and cultural importance to the people of Mindanao.

Located in the Cotabato-Agusan river basin, one of the country's richest marine repositories, the marshland consists of two adjoining marshy basins, the Liguasan (Pulangi, Maganoy, Buluan and Allah rivers) and the Libungan (Libungan and Rio Grande De Mindanao rivers). It drains into the Illana Bay that flows toward the Moro Gulf.

During the pre-Spanish era, the Liguasan Marsh facilitated trade and commerce in Central Mindanao. Today, 277,877 people live in the 19 towns and one city situated around the Liguasan, and 60 percent of them, mostly engaged in fishing and farming, depend largely on its fertile soil and abundant aquatic resources.

The marsh supplies water to rice fields near the area, and serves as rich fishing ground for small fishers, Christians and Muslims alike. Daily volume of fish catch is estimated to reach 10 to 30 tons.

Wildlife sanctuary

The marsh plays host to a great variety of wildlife, including endemic species of fish, birds, mammals and reptiles. In fact, a game refuge and bird sanctuary was established in the area in 1941.

There are about 30 fish species, 24 of them considered to have big commercial value. Other marine creatures include crocodiles, wild ducks, turtles, crabs and shrimps.

But the wanton cutting of trees in the surrounding watershed areas, the proliferation of fish pens, siltation, gas exploration and land conversions have threatened the Liguasan, prompting several environmentalist groups and nongovernment organizations to push for its conservation and preservation.

In 1998, the Minsupala Economic Development Foundation (MEDF), a Cotabato-based NGO, received a P2.6-million grant from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for a two-year project aimed at conserving and restoring the biodiversity in the Liguasan.

The local residents were provided with sustainable livelihood projects, such as setting up a cooperative store, wild duck raising, handicraft making and traditional fishing, to ease the pressure on the dwindling marshland resources.

Indigenous and ecology-friendly methods of fishing were adopted and encouraged.

The Women's Movement for the Conservation of Liguasan planted high-valued sedges, palm and grass species for use in handicraft making. The project was hailed a success as 80 percent of the residents around the wetlands have been enlightened about the utmost value of saving Liguasan.

One significant outcome of the program was the discovery of indigenous fish, bird and tree species, which the project proponent later listed as endangered. The threatened fish species are the *balik, katipa, manabing, buted* and *kabulan*, while the endangered bird species are the *talik, balawang, talimanok, papago, kuwawang* and *tanepol*.

The dying tree species are the *limbunga, iles* and *kalalano*.

Densely covered with second growth and residuals of mangroves and other swamp tree species, the Liguasan was identified as sanctuary and hatchery for endangered wildlife. The MEDF found that the area, which lies right at the heart of SK Pendatun town in Maguindanao, still serves as breeding and stomping ground for the indigenous wildlife species.

Historical, cultural value

In the 15th century, the Liguasan provided access to small seacraft used by Muslim missionaries in propagating Islam in the area. Famous among the preachers was Shariff Kabungsuan.

During the Spanish, American and Japanese colonization, the extensive swamp region served as bastion of native resistance against the foreign invaders.

The retreat made by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) toward this area shortly after the devastating all-out-war called by then President Joseph Estrada two years ago was, in itself, history repeating itself.

Besieged Moro revolutionaries ran and established camps in the Liguasan, known to them then and now as their last refuge. There, the guerrillas were determined to shed the last drop of their blood fighting and defending their principles and ideology.

But the marshland has not only been a sanctuary for revolutionaries. It has also been known as a haven for members of the Pentagon kidnap-for-ransom gang.

A photograph of a 5-year-old kidnap victim was taken by Ustadz Muammar Biston, father-in-law of MILF chair Salamat Hashim, while being held captive by Pentagon leader Salik Maruhom. Biston, who played a key role in the release of the boy, said it was in the Liguasan where the kidnappers hid the young boy.

The victim was kept hostage for five months and was released shortly before Christmas Eve through the intercession and "moral suasion" exerted by the MILF hierarchy. He later narrated to local journalists that he had stayed in a house surrounded with water and wetlands.

Earlier this week, government troops, backed by heavy artillery and helicopter gunships, were deployed around the Liguasan to flush out the bandits seeking shelter in the area. The military claimed that about 1,000 criminals were hiding in the marshland, a known stronghold of the MILF.

Fighting erupted, but only after more than 20,000 civilians fled their homes.

Civilians suffering

One could just surmise the magnitude of havoc wrought by the war on the ecosystem of the Liguasan. No one, not even journalists, has been allowed to tread deep into the area.

But with bombs and rockets landing aplenty onto the marshland, one could imagine how these weapons blew up trees and wild creatures to smithereens. Mortar and 105-mm howitzer shells are known for their full-circle "daisy cutter" type of fragmentation and digging property.

The explosion alone is enough to knock down and shatter one's eardrum from about a kilometer distance.

The senseless and seemingly endless war may reduce the Liguasan into a virtual wasteland.

Davao City resort unveils wonderful world of birds

By Joselle R. Badilla
Davao City

The bird of paradise alights only upon the hand that does not grasp."—John Berry

TWO weeks ago, I had a wonderful visit in one of the places that Davao City is known for—the Malagos Garden Resort in Baguio District.

The resort's theme of art and nature dominates the landscape of the 12-hectare haven. National artist Napoleon Abueva's works comprise the bulk of the art side.

Inside the inland resort, visitors can wander around the butterfly sanctuary, creek and the bird park, a manifestation of the conservation efforts of the Puentespina family, the resort owner.

Roberto "Dr. Bo" Puentespina, a veterinarian and one of the Puentespina siblings who manage the place, said the resort offers the bird show to visitors as one of its four attractions. The others are the mushroom culture area, butterfly haven and the creek.

The unique bird show aims to be more educational than just showing the birds' colorful feathers, Dr. Bo said. He usually begins the show with tales of how man became interested with birds. As a flock of pigeons flew from the back of a small amphitheater and over the crowd, he explained their characteristics.

Dr. Bo summoned a Philippine Hawk Eagle (*Spizaetus philippensis*), which gently landed on his left arm. He described the bird's habits, as well as its food preference.

Soon after, Jazz, a male hornbill, and Maggie, a female hornbill, entertained the crowd with their performance. They hopped on the wooden foyer at the left side of the amphitheater, sometimes bumping at each other.

Parrots Maganda and Waly nearly brought down the house during their "basketball match." Maganda bested Wally by two points, although Dr. Bo swore that the outcome of the game was unpredictable.

Wacky, a crow, showed the audience how to drink water from a half-full glass. One by one, he put stones into the glass to make the water level rise until he can drink from it.

Wacky teaches humans to become patient to get their desired results. Dr. Bo said.

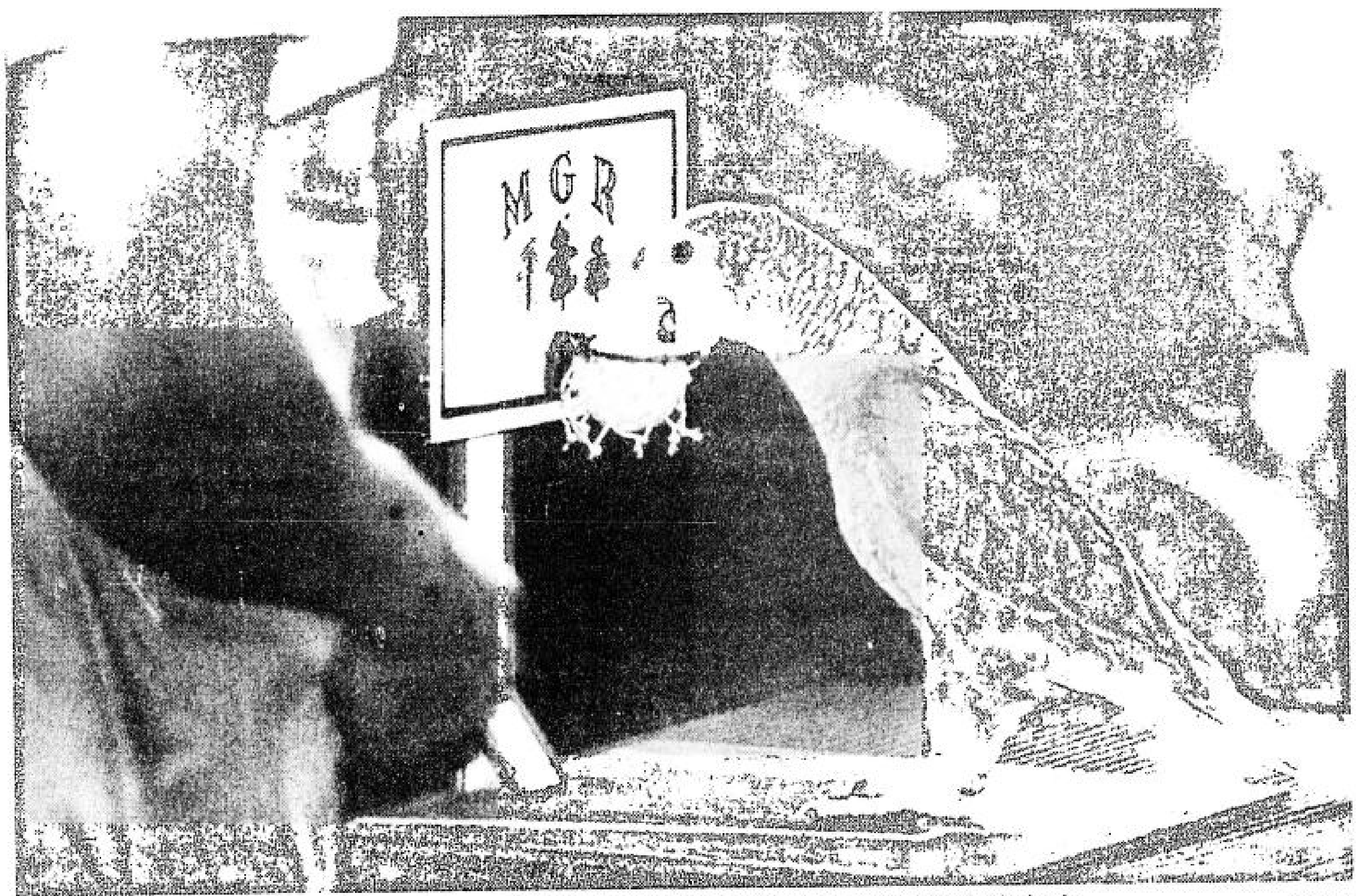
The crowd also learned that omnivores were not actually as frightening as dinosaurs. These are birds that eat fruits, Dr. Bo.

Then there are the carnivores, birds that eat only meat such as the Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*), perhaps the country's greatest bird of prey.

The march of the ducks also elicited laughter from the audience. Dr. Bo said seven handler-trainers helped him in this endeavor.

He said the entire show mainly aimed to teach people how to appreciate birds, tamed or not.

"It was educational and exciting. I am going to watch this again," Carlo Angelo San Jose, a Grade 3 pupil, said.

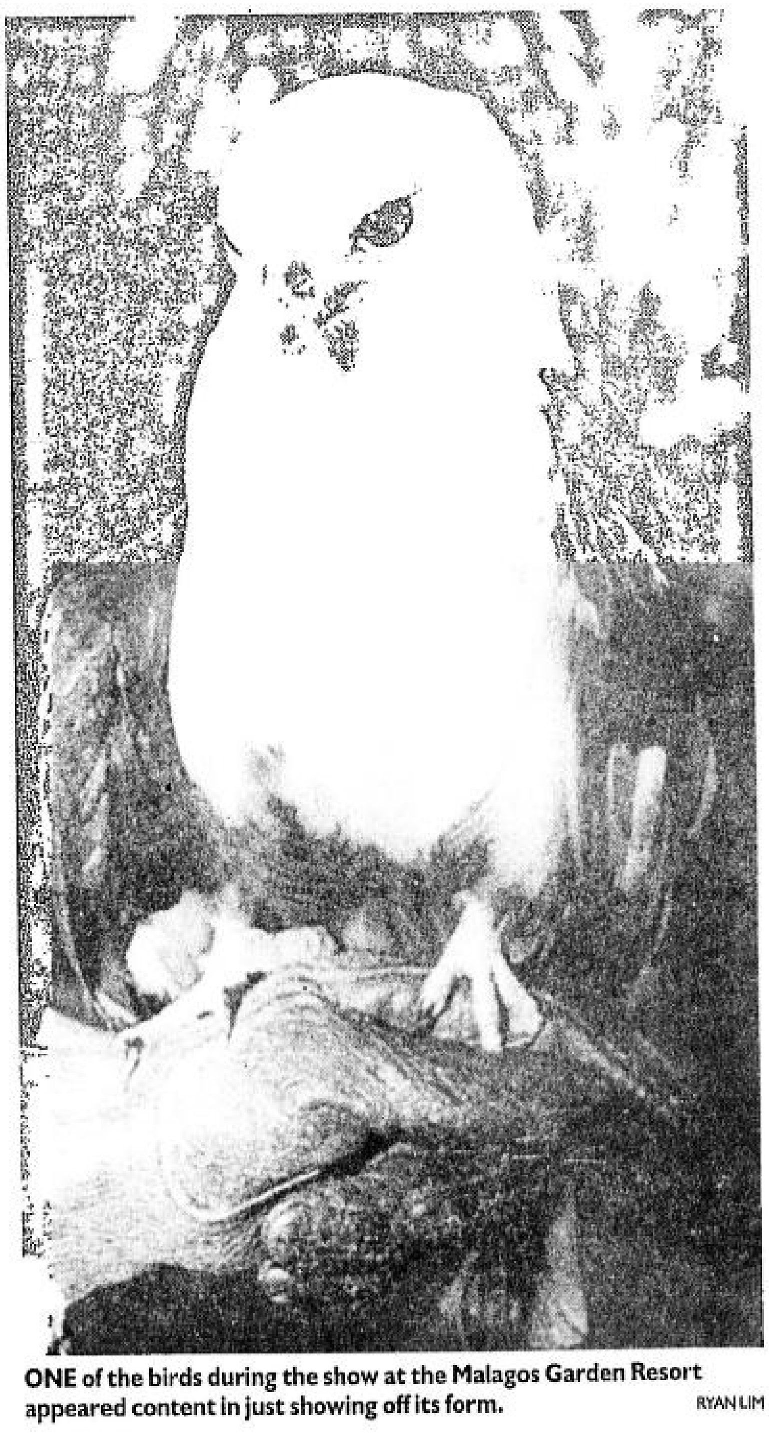


ITS training obviously working, a bird reaches to a miniature basketball goal and dunks a small ball using its beaks. RYAN LIM

GETTING THERE

TAKE an air-conditioned bus or jeepney from the downtown area to Calinan District. Fares are P20 for buses and P18 for jeepneys. From Calinan's poblacion, take a tricycle to Malagos Garden Resort. Fare is P8 per passenger. Entrance fee is P75 for adults and P50 for children.

A PARROT gives a friendly peck on the nose of a bird trainer during the bird show at the Malagos Garden Resort. RYAN LIM



ONE of the birds during the show at the Malagos Garden Resort appeared content in just showing off its form. RYAN LIM

Anti-war protests sweep world

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organizers claimed. They hoped to turn out half a million people and bring pressure on Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has been Europe's biggest supporter of the tough US policy.

Hundreds of thousands marched through Berlin, backing the strong anti-war stance spearheaded by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. Police estimated the crowd between 300,000 and 500,000.

In Syria, a nation on the front line if war comes, some 200,000 protesters marched through Damascus. In Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Brussels, South Korea, Australia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Singapore and Thailand, demonstrations attracted thousands, while the crowds were in the hundreds or less in Bosnia, Hong Kong, Indian-controlled Kashmir and Moscow.

Crowds were estimated at 10,000 in Amsterdam and Copenhagen, 5,000 in Capetown and 4,000 in Johannesburg in South Africa, 5,000 in Tokyo and 2,000 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Anti-war activists hoped to draw 100,000 people to the streets in New York City for a protest near the United Nations. Police were planning extensive security that included sharpshooters and radiation detectors.

Iraqis, too

In Baghdad, tens of thousands of Iraqis, many carrying Kalashnikovs, demonstrated across their country to support Saddam Hussein and denounce the United States.

Braving biting cold and snow flurries in the Ukraine, some 2,000 people rallied in Kiev's central square. Anti-globalists led a peaceful "Rock Against War" protest joined by communists, socialists, Kurds and pacifists.

In the Bosnian city of Mostar, about a hundred Muslims and Croats united for an anti-war protest—the first such cross-community action in seven years in a place where ethnic divisions here remain tense despite the 1995 Bosnian peace agreement.

In divided Cyprus, about 500 Greeks and Turks braved heavy rain for a march which briefly blocked the end of a runway at a British air base.

Violence

Several thousand protesters in Athens, Greece unfurled a giant banner across the wall of the ancient Acropolis—"Nato, US and EU equals War"—before heading toward the US Embassy.

Police fired tear gas in clashes with several hundred anarchists wearing hoods and crash helmets, who broke from the otherwise peaceful march to smash store windows and throw a gasoline bomb at a newspaper office.

In the Greek port of Thessaloniki, an estimated 10,000 people protested.

About 2,000 demonstrators rallied in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital. In Moscow, 300 people marched to the US Embassy, with one placard urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to "be firmer with America."

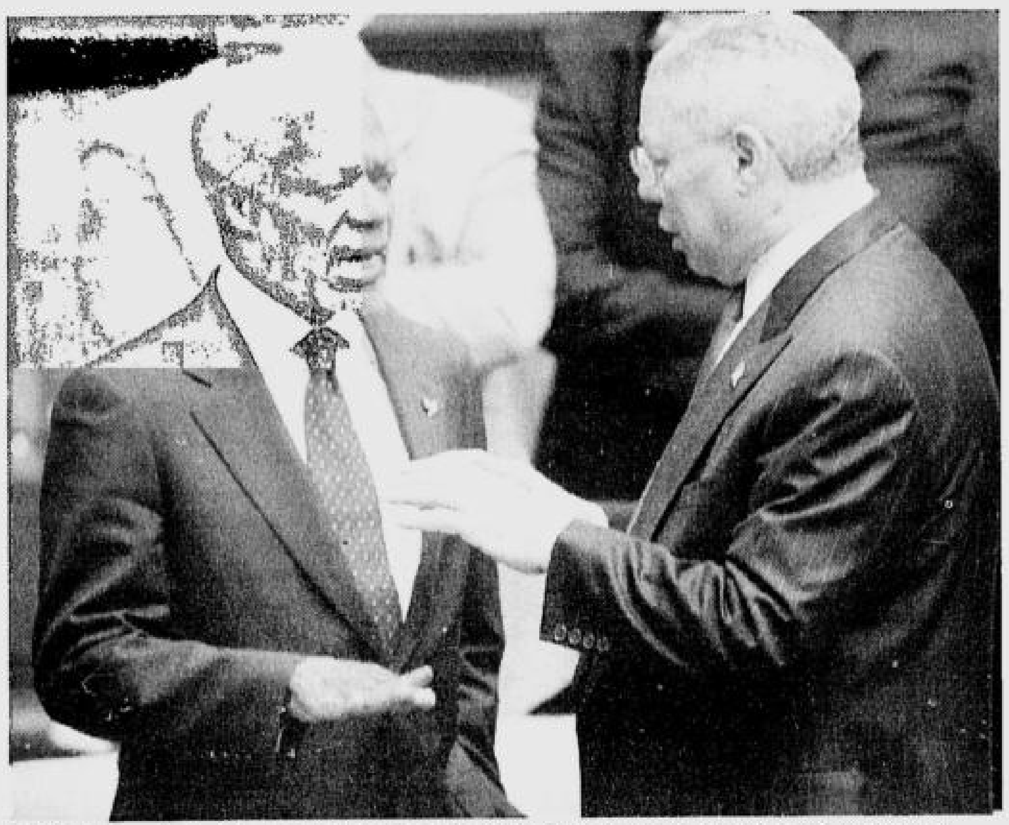
Six hundred people rallied in downtown Hong Kong, as did 50 or so in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Police in Srinagar in Indian-controlled Kashmir detained at least 35 protesters after about a hundred people, mostly supporters of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), marched through the city.

Demonstrators clogged a downtown park in Seoul, South Korea, to chant and listen to anti-war speeches.

The day of protest began in New Zealand, where thousands gathered in cities across the country. *(See story on Page A11).*

Between 3,000 and 5,000 people marched through a suburb of Canberra, the Australian capital, to protest government support for US policy. Australia has already committed 2,000 troops to the Persian Gulf for possible action. *AP*



BEFORE the start of the United Nations Security Council meeting to hear the Blix report, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and US Secretary of State Colin Powell appear to be making a point. AFP

UN to US: No Iraq war

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time to comply with a string of UN disarmament resolutions. Listening from his seat across the horseshoe-shaped table, Powell took notes while Blix cast doubt on some of the US intelligence that the secretary of state had presented.

Powell told reporters later in response that the United States had additional evidence to support its claims against Iraq.

A visibly exasperated Powell, setting aside his prepared remarks, warned that the world should not be taken in by "tricks that are being played on us."

Only Spain and Britain, however, spoke up for the US position in the 15-member council, and even Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw held out hope for a peaceful solution if Iraq dramatically accelerates its cooperation.

But in Washington, US President George W. Bush declared that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "is a danger, and that's why he will be disarmed one way or the other."

Blix and ElBaradei visited Baghdad last weekend, four days after Powell gave the Security Council satellite photos and taped conversations to back allegations that Iraq had concealed weapons, evaded inspectors and intimidated scientists whom they wished to interview.

But Blix did not exactly give Iraq a clean bill of health.

He said its Al-Samoud missile was a banned weapon and should be destroyed, because its range exceeded the limit of 150 kilometers imposed by the Security Council after the 1991 Gulf War.

Blix also said it was a matter "of great significance that many proscribed weapons and items are not accounted for."

However, he said, "the period of disarmament through inspection could still be short, if immediate, active and unconditional cooperation ... were to be forthcoming."

The Security Council will convene Tuesday for another public debate on Iraq, this time to allow non-members to have a say.

The next date on its calendar is March 1, when the chief weapons inspectors are to submit another progress report. That briefing may be moved to Feb. 28 or March 3.

Blair 'Blixed'

In London, Britain's press agreed Saturday that the likelihood of a unilateral war against Iraq significantly increased after Blix's awaited report.

It said that with a second UN resolution now unlikely, Tony Blair's future as Britain's prime minister would come under severe threat should he decide to back US military action without the support of either the Security Council or the British public.

"Hans Blix has kicked away the stool supporting the already wobbly US-British case for war against Iraq," the left-of-center The Guardian said in its editorial.

"[Blix's report] considerably increases the chances that the US will act unilaterally, dragging Britain in its wake. It sharply diminishes the prospect of UN backing for a second resolution authorizing military action...," the broadsheet added.

The right-wing Daily Mail tabloid agreed with The Guardian that Blair was now left to face a "nightmare" situation. The headline splashed across the Daily Mail's front page read: "Blixed!"

The Guardian warned that with the majority of Britons opposed to a war without UN backing, Blair risked "political destruction" should he support unilateral military action by the United States.

The Daily Mail sub-headline read: "UN weapons inspector rebuts [US President George W.] Bush, devastates Blair, widens the rift with Europe ... and boosts the growing army of war protesters descending on London today."

In a development still related to the media, the US government expelled an Iraqi journalist covering the UN for the official Iraqi News Agency, saying he was "harmful" to the security of the United States.

The announcement was made as Iraq informed Fox News that its four staff members in Baghdad would have to leave the country.

Within 'weeks'

Powell said he would return to Washington and consult with the US President and others and make a decision "in the not too distant future" about a new UN resolution. Later, in an interview with CNN, he said the Iraq issue would be decided within "weeks."

The United States and Britain had hoped for tougher arms-inspection reports that would help them push through a new UN resolution quickly.

But their plans were shelved Friday and British diplomats privately conceded they no longer knew when and how they would be able to circulate a draft.

The United States and Britain say they are willing to go to war without UN backing but would prefer to have it.

The differences between the Security Council powers were so serious that a planned meeting of the five veto-holding members was canceled. *(See story on Page A1.)*

Like his French counterpart, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov earned applause when he said: "We have a unique opportunity to solve this most burning world problem politically."

The clapping by diplomats in the non-members' gallery prompted Security Council president Joschka Fischer, the German foreign minister, to issue the reminder that applause was forbidden in council meetings, "even on Saint Valentine's Day."

When it was his turn to speak, Powell said: "More inspections—I am sorry—are not the answer."

"The threat of force must remain," he said, adding that Iraq was strengthening its links with terror groups. "We cannot wait for one of these terrible weapons to turn up in our cities."

There was no applause for Powell's comments.

Iraqi Ambassador to the UN Mohammed Al-Douri, the final speaker, stressed to the Security Council his country's commitment to full cooperation and "the path of peace."

"The French speech and the reaction was extraordinary," he later said. "I have been worried, but today I am a little calmer." *Inquirer wires*

Why US will lose vote

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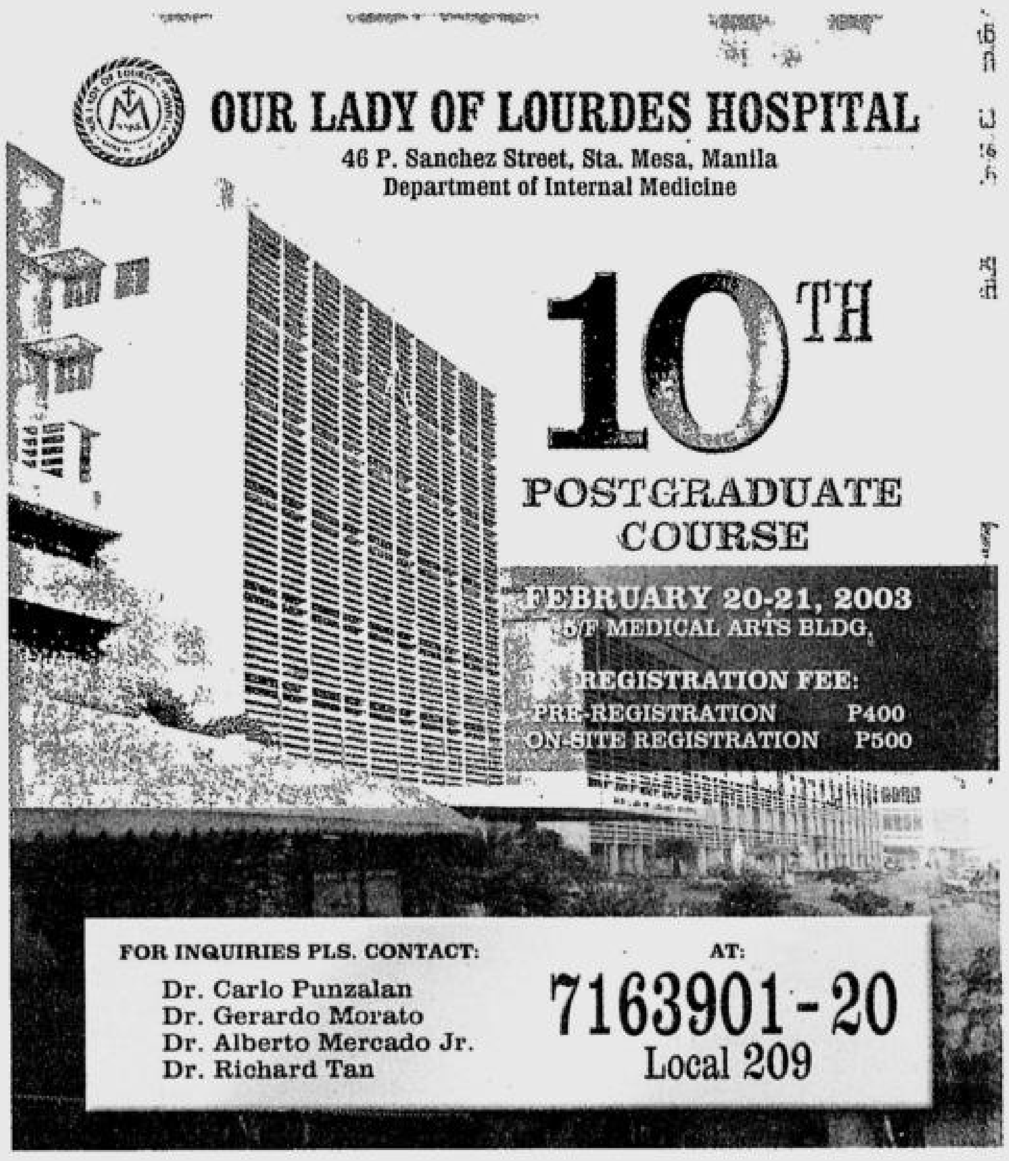
is expected to join US-led action without one. Says Iraq is not cooperating or disarming and that time is running out for it to do so through weapons inspections.

- **France:** Says inspections are working and sees no justification for military action now. Has hinted that it could use its veto to block Security Council authorization for military action at this stage.

The 10 elected members without veto power:

- **Angola:** Says inspections are working and should continue in order to peacefully disarm Iraq.
- **Bulgaria:** Backs a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Iraq, with leaders expressing strong support for ongoing inspections. Could support US-led military intervention without a Security Council authorization.
- **Cameroon:** Supports continued inspections.
- **Chile:** Says inspections are working and should continue in order to peacefully disarm Iraq.
- **Guinea:** Supports continued inspections and has not taken a position regarding military action.
- **Germany:** Insists that Iraq must be disarmed peacefully and has said it will not participate in any military intervention even if the Security Council authorizes such action.
- **Mexico:** Supports continued inspections and could support military intervention authorized by the Security Council.
- **Pakistan:** Supports continued inspections and a diplomatic resolution of the conflict.
- **Syria:** Believes that Iraq is cooperating with its obligations under UN resolutions and has said that sanctions should be lifted.
- **Spain:** Supports the Bush administration's stance on Iraq. Believes military intervention could proceed without Security Council authorization. *AP*



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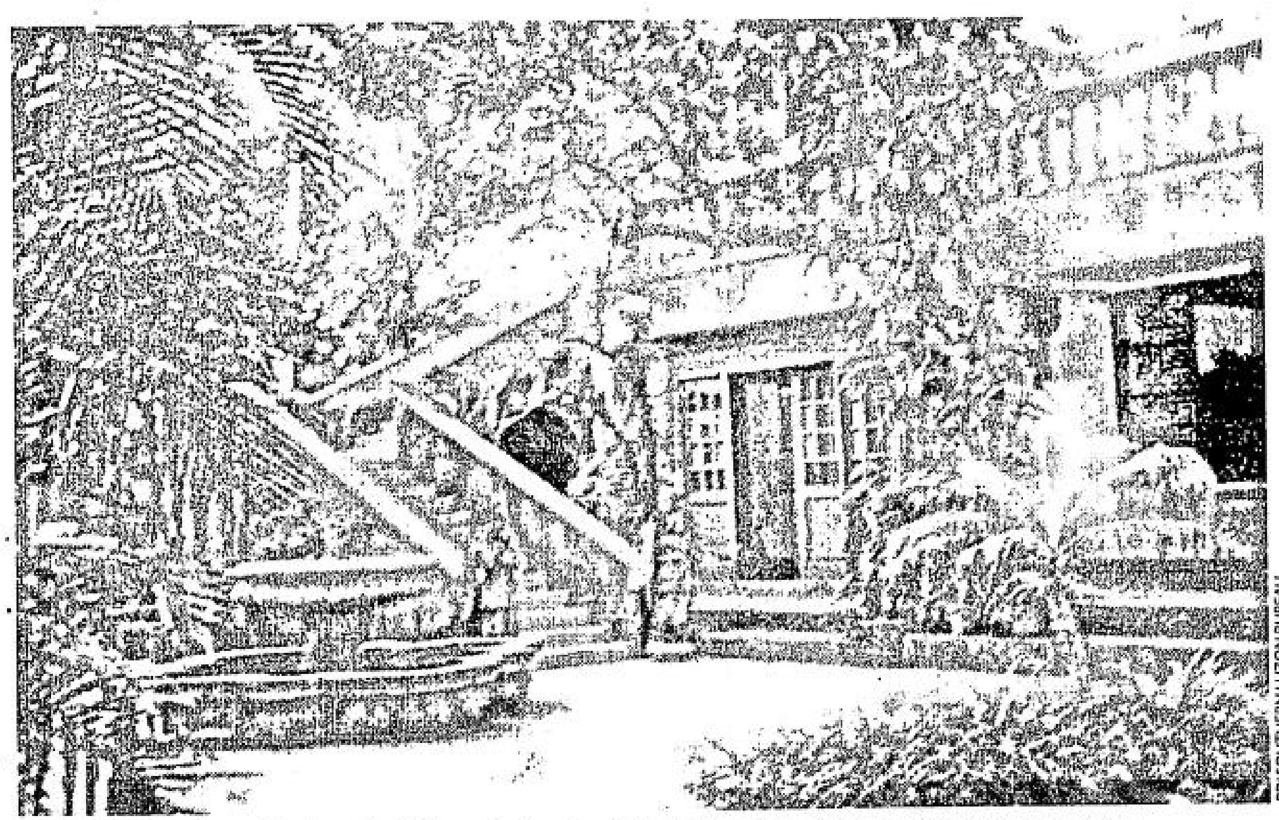

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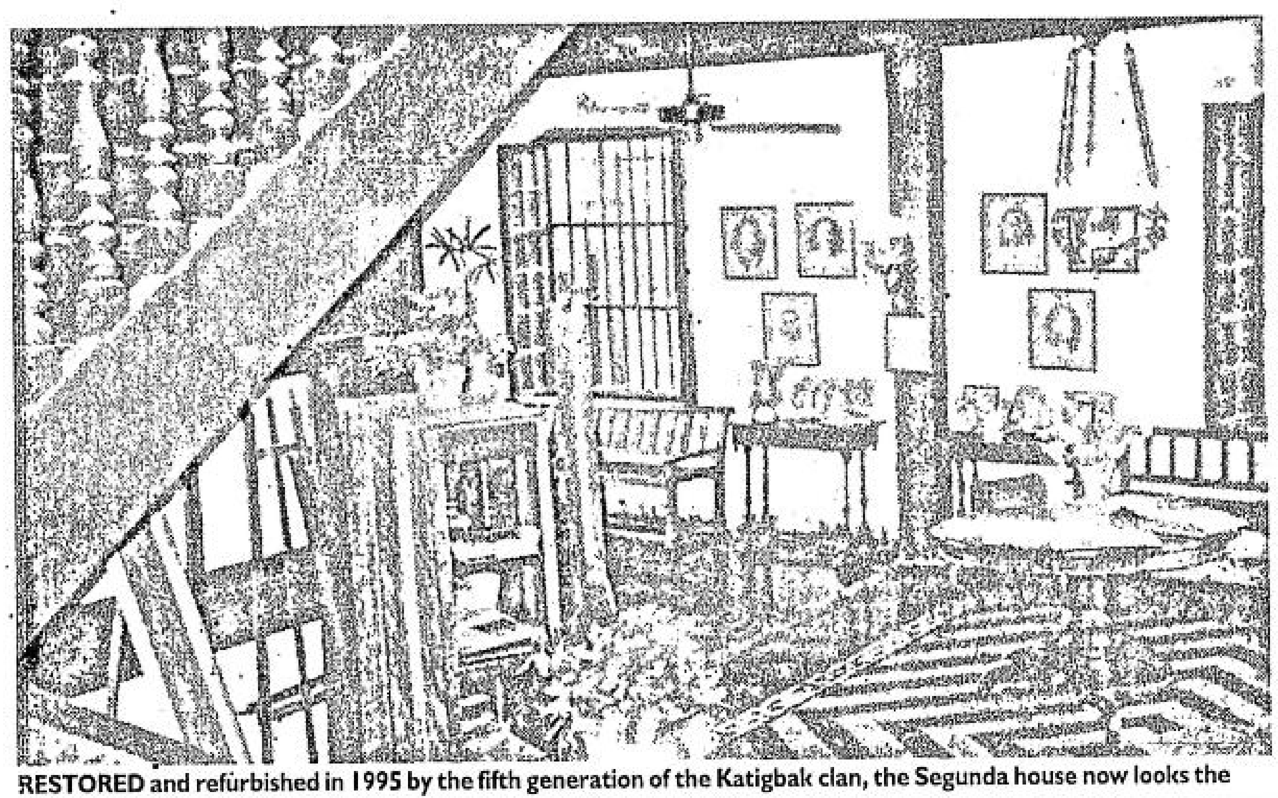

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In those days, women could not look directly into the eyes of a man, especially if they were new acquaintances. It was obvious that Segunda was also interested in him.

'MU'

"Maybe it was MU, or what we call mutual understanding," Lilet said. "They had been seeing each other for two years. Lola Segunda even made a paper rose for Rizal's hat."

When Rizal's sister Olimpia enrolled at the Concordia College, where Segunda was studying, he had every chance to see her as family members were allowed to visit the students. Whenever Rizal visited Olimpia, she would always be with Segunda.

In one of his visits while Segunda was out with friends, Olimpia asked Rizal if he had requested her friend to make some paper flowers for him. She said Segunda had requested flower-making materials from the nuns.

When Segunda came back, she gave Rizal a paper rose that she made for his hatband. Segunda placed the paper rose on Rizal's hatband. At first Segunda said the rose was from Olimpia. When Rizal had a chance to ask her about the paper rose, Segunda told him the truth.

Rizal thanked her, and promised to keep the rose as long as he lived.

It turned out that he did not propose marriage to Segunda on bended knees. In the book "Segunda," the story of Rizal's poignant first love, author Danny Yson revealed that Rizal had indirectly proposed marriage to Segunda.

Shortly before Segunda's father wrote her a letter ordering her to come home to Lipa, Rizal popped the question. "I asked her then if she would find it disagreeable to belong to my town, and blushing, she said 'no,'" Rizal wrote in his diary. Rizal was suggesting that Segunda live with him in Calamba, Laguna, as his wife.

Segunda's marriage

Austin Coates, one of Rizal's biographers, said Rizal's pact with elder brother Paciano had prevented him from pursuing his first love. The pact committed Rizal to work for the enlightenment of his countrymen and to lead them to freedom from Spanish rule.

Segunda was married to Luz in 1879.

Rizal was still in love with Segunda even after she was already married to Luz, according to Lilet.

"When Rizal was soliciting funds for La Liga Filipina, he went back to Lipa to see our Lola Segunda," Lilet said, "He even asked *lolo* Manuel if he could see her. When they met again, Rizal showed her the paper rose on his hatband. Lola Segunda then showed him the portrait he drew of her."

It was not the only time Rizal went to Lipa to see Segunda. Before Segunda got married, Rizal went to the house of a friend, Brigido Morada, according to Lipa Cultural Society's former president Luchie Resurrecion.

On Sunday mornings, Rizal would stay at one of the houses facing the Lipa Cathedral and see Segunda walk by to hear Mass. But he never allowed her to know that he was there.

Although Luz was already married to Segunda, jealousy could not be avoided at times. Even in old age, Luz would never hold a two-peso bill because it had the image of Rizal, according to Lilet. He would also refuse to buy matches that had Rizal's image.

"Probably he knew that Rizal and Segunda fell in love once upon a time," Lilet said. "He became extremely jealous that even the mention of Rizal's name in any conversation would make him frown."

Rich family

The Luz-Katigbak union produced nine children who all grew up in the house of Segunda. As the family belongs to the richest families in this once top coffee-growing town, the children were all given the best education and became successful in their fields.

Lilet, who belongs to the fifth generation of the Katigbak clan, said the house was in terrible shape before it was refurbished by her sister Dida Reyes, then the president of the Lipa Tourism Council and an interior decorator. Their father Carlos, who was sick at that time, wanted to spend his last days in the house where he grew up.

In November 1996, Carlos returned to Casa de Segunda. He was so happy when he saw what Dida had done to the house. "When he died on Feb. 3, 1997, we knew he was really at peace," Lilet said.

In 1998, the "Juan Luna paintings," an exhibit sponsored by Far East Bank, were displayed in the house, attracting local and foreign tourists. National Artist Arturo Luz, one of Segunda's grandsons, drew the Far East Bank logo.

"When the house was featured on a webpage on the Internet, more and more tourists came here," Lilet said.

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to anyone at any time.

The Australian Embassy was forced to err on the side of caution, especially in the wake of the Bali bombings. It was difficult for officials who received such classified information to determine if it was "genuine" or not. They were faced with a choice: do they act on the information or do they sit on it and hope for the best?

When lives are threatened there really is no choice but to act.

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What people need to remember is that terrorist attacks are largely unpredictable. Who could have predicted that two planes would fly into the twin towers of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001? Who would have thought that they might be in danger if they went to the Sari Club in Bali for a drink on the night of Oct. 10, 2002?

A balancing act of safety concerns versus experiencing life to the fullest is incredibly difficult to achieve.

Warnings

When I arrived in the Philippines, I was briefed on what I should and should not do. I was constantly warned not to walk alone. I was told to use a taxi everywhere I went.

Many times I ignored these warnings, preferring instead to immerse myself in the culture, and experience the environment. After all, that was what I came to the Philippines for.

I had also been warned not to accept offers from strangers who seem willing to help me. Had I heeded this warning, I would not have met the fantastic people that I did.

Had I been constantly skeptical of the intentions of those willing to help me, I would not have come to recognize and truly value the friendly nature of the Filipino people. Without experiencing it, I would not have known how friendly and hospitable people in this country were.

Outside comfort zone

I think warnings are necessary but people have to be careful in interpreting them. They are not designed to make you feel as though "the sky is falling" and make you live your life in fear. They are intended to increase your awareness.

We need to be cautious but we also need to live our lives.

My friends were worried about my trip to the Philippines; they thought I could be in danger. If I had listened to their warnings I would not have had the most rewarding experience of my life.

People are becoming increasingly terrified of the thought of another terrorist attack involving them or a loved one. As a result, airlines are suffering and people now prefer to travel within their own country for safety reasons. I believe that if you do this, then the terrorists would have won.

It is only when you are outside your comfort zone and discovering new things that you truly begin to live your life. You cannot let life pass you by.

We can all find ourselves in danger when we least expect it, the trick is to be smart, rational and to continue living your life to the fullest.

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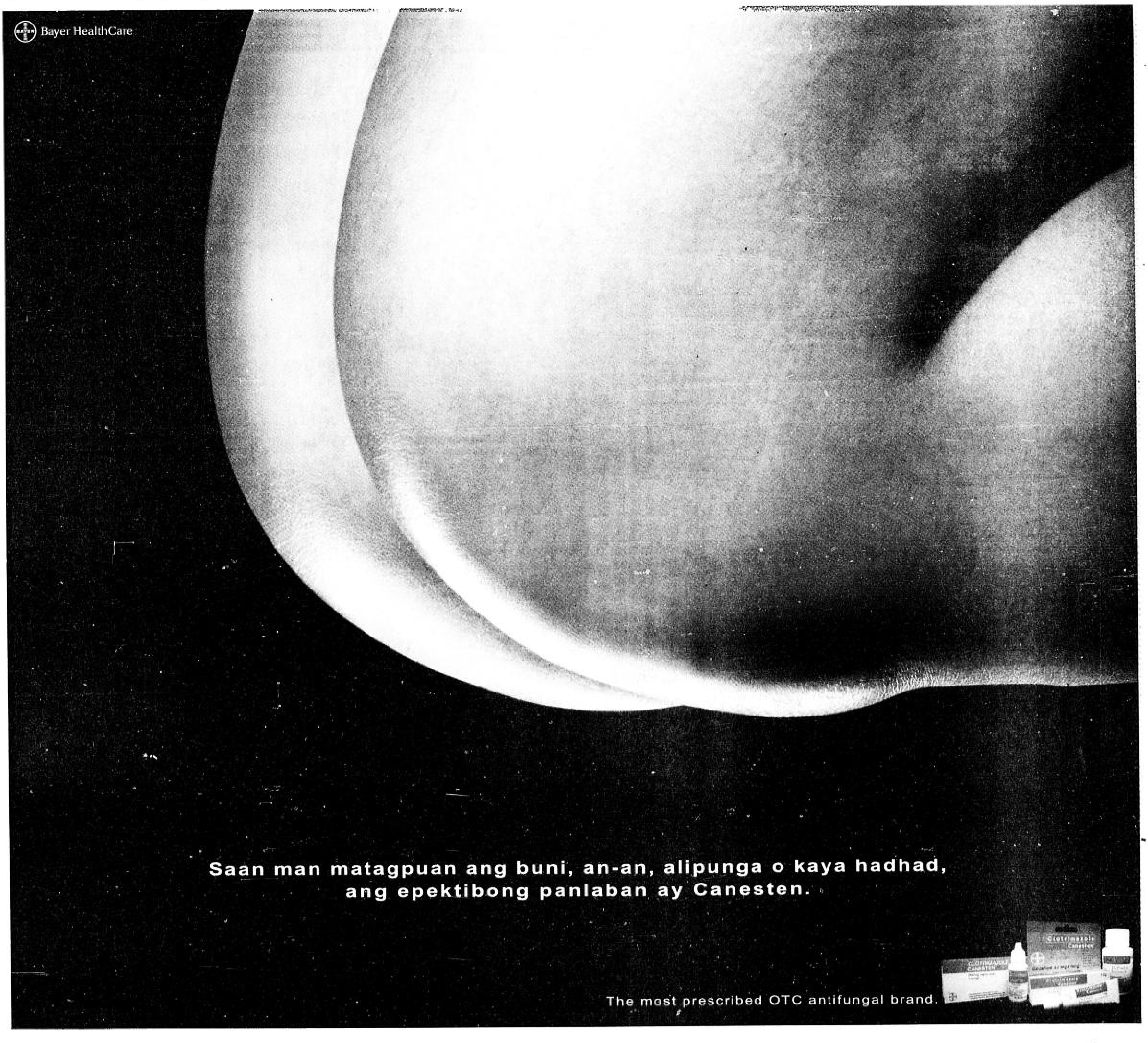
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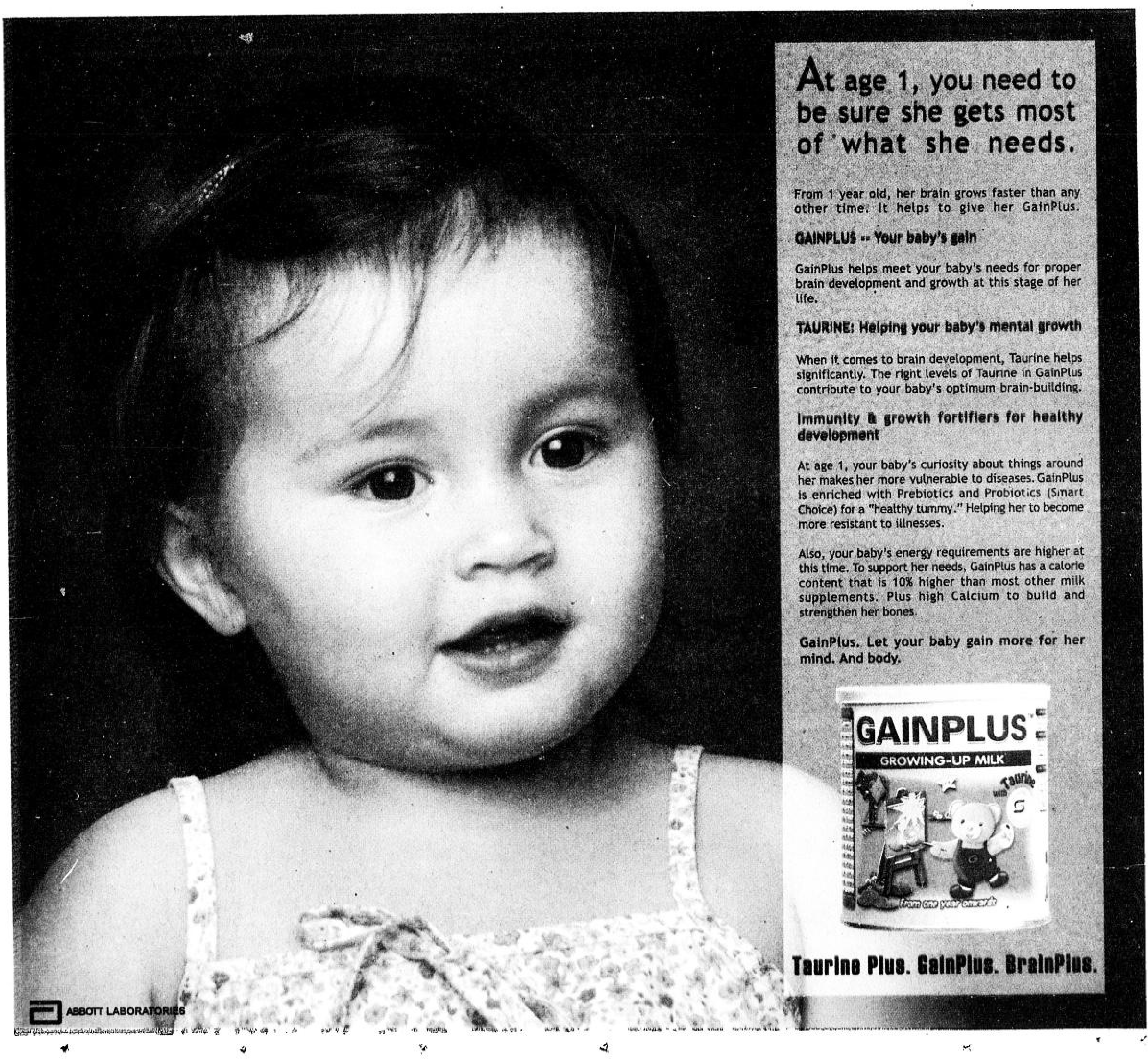

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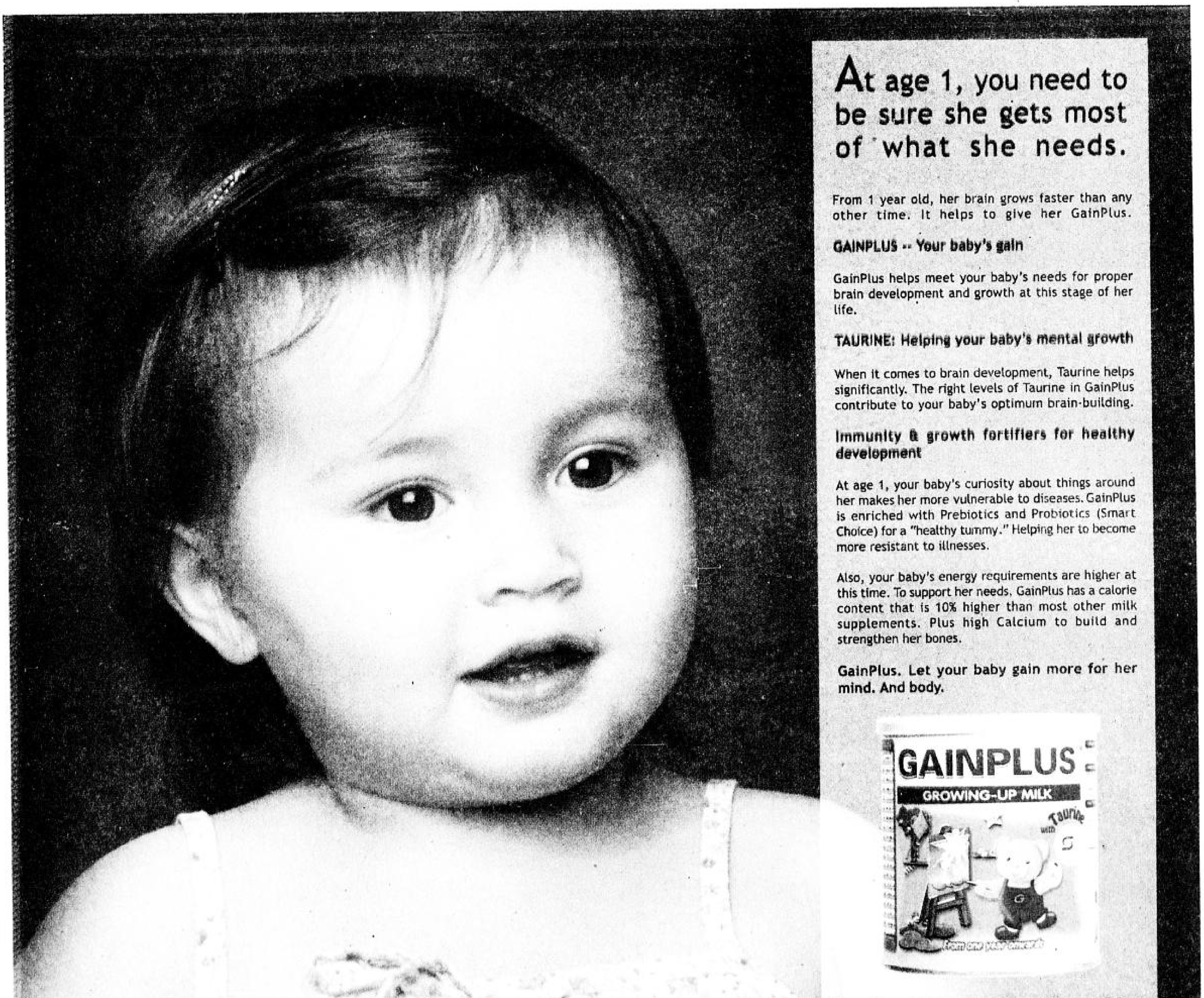

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By June Navarro

NBN-4, problematic over its apparent shortage in technical equipment, has leased television contraptions from Carlos "Bobong" Velez to help augment the government station's coverage of the PBA games.

Velez, the man behind the PBA's successful television ratings in the 80s and 90s through his flagship company Vintage Enterprises, said NBN officials have committed to lease his OB van, TV cameras and other equipment for the first conference of the PBA.

"They (NBN officials) will use the equipment primarily during provincial games and probably on some of the games in Metro Manila," Velez told the Inquirer.

Velez said the contract of lease would be finalized tomorrow at the earliest. He added the deal would run for three months beginning at the opening of the 2003 PBA season on Feb. 23 until the end of the All-Filipino Cup sometime in June.

The leased equipment will be utilized for at least 11 provincial games in the All-Filipino conference. Should NBN renew the equipment's services after three months, it will serve the PBA for another seven out-of-town matches in the season-ending reinforced conference.

So far, NBN has only one OB van at its disposal but enjoys the technical expertise needed for the airing of the PBA games.

Velez said the rental of the OB van and the TV cameras also include the manpower which will operate and maintain the efficiency of the equipment. He added his former Vintage crew was already tapped for the job.

"It's normally an SOP (standard operating procedure) whenever a group or a company rents an equipment. The manpower basically takes care of operating and maintaining the equipment," said Velez.

NBN-4, together with IBC-13, seized the exclusive television broadcast of the PBA after beating the consortium of Velez in a bidding war more than two months ago.

Velez and his group could have secured the television rights of the PBA after NBN failed to produce a Letter of Credit last year but the PBA Board of Governors decided to stick with NBN until it satisfies the financial requirements.

Meanwhile, PBA chairman Jun Cabalan said that NBN has cleared all the obstacles that went against its way on the signing of a franchise deal with the league.

Cabalan said NBN has secured all three affirmative opinions of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel necessary for its agreement with the PBA.

"It's a done deal. Pirma na lang ang kulang," said Cabalan.

Mapua rookie powers Talk N' Text past Sta. Lucia

MAPUA'S rookie Hermes Sumalinog starred as Talk N' Text-National Youth Pool A defeated Sta. Lucia-CUSA, 88-78, on Friday in the first Bert Lina-Six Footers Junior Basketball Cup at the UST gym.

Sumalinog combined with Darryl Mendoza in the third quarter with a decisive 12-6 run, sending the unbeaten Junior Phone Pals to the semifinal round with their fourth straight victory.

The Junior Phone Pals next leaned on the the final period defensive gems from Kevin Astorga, Edwin Asoro and Jonathan Fernandez to deflect the Realtors' to come back.

Fernandez and Mendoza led the Pals with 15 and 13 points, respectively, while Astorga, Mendoza and Michael Galintao showed the way with 10 points apiece in this Air-21 supported 18-under tournament conceptualized by Bert Lina for players six feet and above.

"Hermes' hustle plays and the triples by Jonathan Fernandez worked miracles for the team in the third quarter. That was what kept us ahead," said Johnny Tam, who was assisted by Britt Reroma.

Albert Regala's putback worked wonders for the Junior Phone Pals as they pulled away by six, 22-16, in the closing minutes of the first quarter.

The games will be aired over NBN4 on a slightly delayed basis.

Coca-Cola-National Pool C closed in on the second semis slot as it trounced Shell-UCAA 84-60, with Jay Agbayani shooting a game-high 23 points.

Junior Tigers Arthur Walsham and Michael Baldos backed up Agbayani with 13 and nine points, respectively.

Jobe Nkemakolam made 21 points for Ginebra-NCRAA as it tripped Red Bull-National Pool B, 66-59.

The Junior Realtors and Red Bull are tied for third at 2-2.

Air Force wins

PHILIPPINE Air Force opened its title-bid with an overpowering 13-1 victory over Philab yesterday in the Philippine Amateur Baseball Senior tournament at the Rizal Memorial ballpark.

Lefty Ernesto Binarao, the youngest of the baseball-playing Binaroa family, limited the Ballbusters to two hits, while his teammates recorded 13 as the Airmen sounded an early warning to titleholder Philippine Navy.

Third baseman Virgilio Roxas, one of eight members of the national team in the PAF lineup, batted in three runs, highlighted by a two-run round tripper at the top of the third.

Now on its 17th year, Paba made a simple opening ceremonies with Celso Dayrit, president of the Philippine Olympic Committee, Department of Tourism's Cynthia Carrion and Enrique Cuadra of the Kill Droga Movement as the special guests.

Benz awaits winner

MANDALUYONG Coliseum's "Super 8-Cock Derby" on March 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15, is starting to attract the attention of cockers and gamefowl breeders nationwide.

This is based on numerous inquiries about the event, which has attracted a total of 55 entries (with cockhouse reservations) so far.

To be hosted by OPMI president Vic Yu and sponsored by Sagupaan Super Feeds, Sagupaan Mite Free, Complexor 3000, Pagcor-Casino Filipino and Washout Shampoo from Lakpue Drug, the derby stakes the latest 2003 model of Mercedes Benz (C-200 Kompressor) for the champion owner.

For other details, call 531-4003, 531-4005, 535-2341 and 534-2110.

The Eagle of the Mountain is back

By Dennis U. Eroa

IT'S now official: The cycling marathon will be back this summer.

And credit the revival of the much-awaited "spectacle on wheels" to a man, whose fighting heart and strong legs made him one of the country's sport idols. He is none other than the cyclist they used to call the "Eagle of the Mountain."

Still fit and carrying the same confidence which enabled him to conquer the mountains during his prime, Paquito "Paking" Rivas is back in the limelight, this time as race manager of the revived cycling extravaganza now named as Air21 Tour.

"I'm simply delighted to play a role in bringing back the Tour. This is going to be a big help to my fellow cyclists," Rivas, now 55, told the Inquirer.

"I would like to thank Air21 president Bert Lina for reviving this event."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Eighty-four cyclists divided into 12 teams will battle winds and the searing heat to fight for cash and glory as the 15-lap Air21 Tour hits the road on April 26.

"Don't be surprised if the Young Turks take over in this revival. More than half of the competitors are first-timers," Rivas said.

As stage manager, Rivas maps out the twists and turns of the 15-stage Tour which offers a total prize of P1 million.

Being a Tour veteran himself, Paking knows the route perfectly. Unlike in the past, Air21 will start in Legaspi City in Bicol.

Cyclists, also dubbed as the "heroes of summer," will negotiate the unforgiving terrain of the Atimonan zigzag and Kennon Road.

The next wave of cyclists, said Rivas, is stronger and faster but the formula of success "has not changed."

"To be a champion you need to love your sport. You can show your love through discipline and practice," Rivas stressed.

Rivas knows where he speaks of.

In 1969, the young, inexprienced man left the tranquility of Bgy. Rawis in the coastal and farming town of Lao-ang in Northern Samar, to seek the proverbial pot of gold in the Big City.

He fell in love with cycling, a fact he could not explain up to now.

"Nobody in the family is a cyclist," Rivas recalled. "But I like to pedal my way, watching the beautiful scenery in the countryside."

It didn't take Rivas that long to become a cycling idol.

He had his baptism of fire in the 1973 Marlboro Tour of Luzon ruled by Jess Garcia.

Powered by his mountain-climbing prowess, Rivas settled for runner-up honors in the 1975 (Samson Etrata), 1976 (Modesto Bonzo) and 1977 (Manuel Reynante) editions.

Rivas, already a member of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, was 29 when he finally achieved his dream by winning the 1979 Marlboro Tour of Luzon.

"I'll never forget that year," Rivas, who excelled in the killer Patapat stage in Cagayan, recalled. He beat Tranquilino de Vera for the title.

He quit after a fourth-place finish in 1982. "I'm feeling old," Rivas admitted. He also retired from the Air Force in 1999 and is now the proud father of two professionals and a second-year student at San Beda.

He's married to longtime sweetheart Sally, a civilian employee at the AFP General headquarters.

Fed up with cycling politics, Rivas formed a group composed of bonafide cyclists and is now president of the Philippine National Cycling Association.

"Cycling has been in trouble because of the presence of people with ulterior motives," Rivas said. "Hopefully, with people like Mr. Lina giving us a fresh start, we could recapture the old magic of the yearly cycling marathon."

RIVAS: "My heart always belongs to cycling."
ROGER MARGALLO

Cycling was my first love

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

IF there's one sport after golf and basketball that's close to my heart, it's cycling.

As a kid in Pangasinan, I had dreamed of becoming a cyclist. I was inspired by the likes of Teofilo Cuizon, Edmundo de Guzman, Rufino Gabot, Elpidio Camat, Virgilio Delin and Jesus A. Garcia Jr.--Pangasinenses all who were the cycling icons of the Fifties and the Sixties. From that batch, only Garcia went on to become a legend of the sport, winning the revived Tour of Luzon in 1973 and the Marlboro Tour in 1977.

Back then, we had a racing bike (my father's actually). My friends and I loved biking so much that instead of walking, we would bike to a favorite barrio where the river is crystal-clear. Or toil under the sun racing on board our bikes all the way to Dagupan City to watch a movie; travel time would be about four hours, back and forth.

The dream, however, was killed when my mother (bless her soul) insisted I had weak lungs.

"You had asthma when you were a toddler, so quit that foolishness, will ya?" she said.

When one day my mother discovered I was pedaling a tricycle (motorized tricycles then were as alien as popcorn) to augment my weekly allowance, she gave me a real spanking. My buttocks became red as tomatoes from the whipping she had administered on me as I lay on a bench, face down. My mother had this longish bamboo stick custom-made for whipping for all her seven sons. You disobey any of her rules, like taking a dip in the town river for example, and you get 20 lashes in the butt. Boy, were they real lashes!

And so, with my dream in cycling gone, I switched to basketball. But she also disapproved of that.

"That'd also tear up your lungs," my mother hollered when I asked permission.

I pleaded I wouldn't run that much, would avoid the fastbreak or even the acrobatic shot.

"OK," she said. "Make sure you just shoot that ball without much effort."

Shoot basketballs from afar, that was what I had to perfect. That's the reason I'm still a dead shot from the free-throw line--ask my son, Dayong.

But then, the time came when my teammates demanded more movement from me.

"We can't give you your playing time if you can't move that much," our coach said. "We need your hot hands on our court quick when the going gets tough, you know."

In short, the coach was telling me basketball was not also for me. I understood. Even in scrimmages, he needed a lot of running. My mother wouldn't approve of that.

That's when I switched to music--Beatles music, that is.

But that's another story.

NBA HISTORY REWRITTEN

Spurs stop Lakers' winning streak

Nowitzki rescues Mavericks

MEMPHIS—The Dallas Mavericks avoided a season-high fourth consecutive loss when they overcame the Memphis Grizzlies 110-103 Friday.

All-Star Dirk Nowitzki poured in 31 points to carry Dallas while Michael Finley added 29. Fellow All-Star Steve Nash had 16 points and 13 assists.

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LOS ANGELES—The San Antonio Spurs became the first team in NBA history to win seven games in a row on the same road trip, defeating the Los Angeles Lakers 103-95 Friday.

Tim Duncan had 28 points and 20 rebounds for the Spurs to help overcome another stunning effort by Kobe Bryant, who also set a record by becoming only the fourth player to score at least 35 points in eight successive games.

Bryant totaled 44 points Friday, the fourth consecutive game he has passed 40 and the 12th time this season.

Wilt Chamberlain, Elgin Baylor and Michael Jordan are the others to score at least 35 points in eight successive games.

Shaquille O'Neal collected 21 points and Robert Horry pulled down 15 rebounds for the Lakers, who had a seven-game winning streak snapped.

San Antonio's road trip ends in Sacramento Sunday.

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Pacers 98 Hawks 97 (OT)

In Indianapolis, Reggie Miller made seven three-pointers, the last with 10 seconds remaining in overtime, as the Indiana Pacers eked out a 98-97 win over the Atlanta Hawks.

Miller finished with a game-high 26 points to earn a career total of 23,184 and move into 16th place on the NBA's all-time scoring list. Jermaine O'Neal added 16 points and 19 boards, with Brad Miller getting 17 and 14. *Reuters*

Title-hungry Montaña boosts lineup

By Dennis U. Eroa

MONTAÑA Jewels, still crownless after three years of competing in the PBL, has embarked on a massive manpower buildup in preparation for the coming conference set next month.

"Management is determined to have a winning season. It has given the coaching staff tremendous support," said assistant coach Jun da Jose.

Just like in their past campaigns, the Jewels failed to sustain a fiery start in the Challenge Cup won by Welcoat Paints.

After leading the first round of eliminations, Montaña suddenly lost its winning form and failed to enter the semis.

Despite losing starters Jenkins Mesina, Billy Mamaril and Sunday Salvacion to the pros, Da Jose said Montaña remains deadly.

"We're able to recruit ex-pros Marlon Basco and Paul Guererro. Topex (Robinson) and comebacking Jigs Saniel are also playing for us," said Da Jose.

Montaña's frontline also gained a boost with the addition of high-scoring Dondon Mendoza, who sowed terror in the shaded lane when he was still playing for Ana Freezers/Dr. J.

Veterans Gary David, Jan Alfad and Christian Coronel remain with the team.

Davao-based sportsman-businessman Arman Quibod owns Montaña.

NSG AWARDS

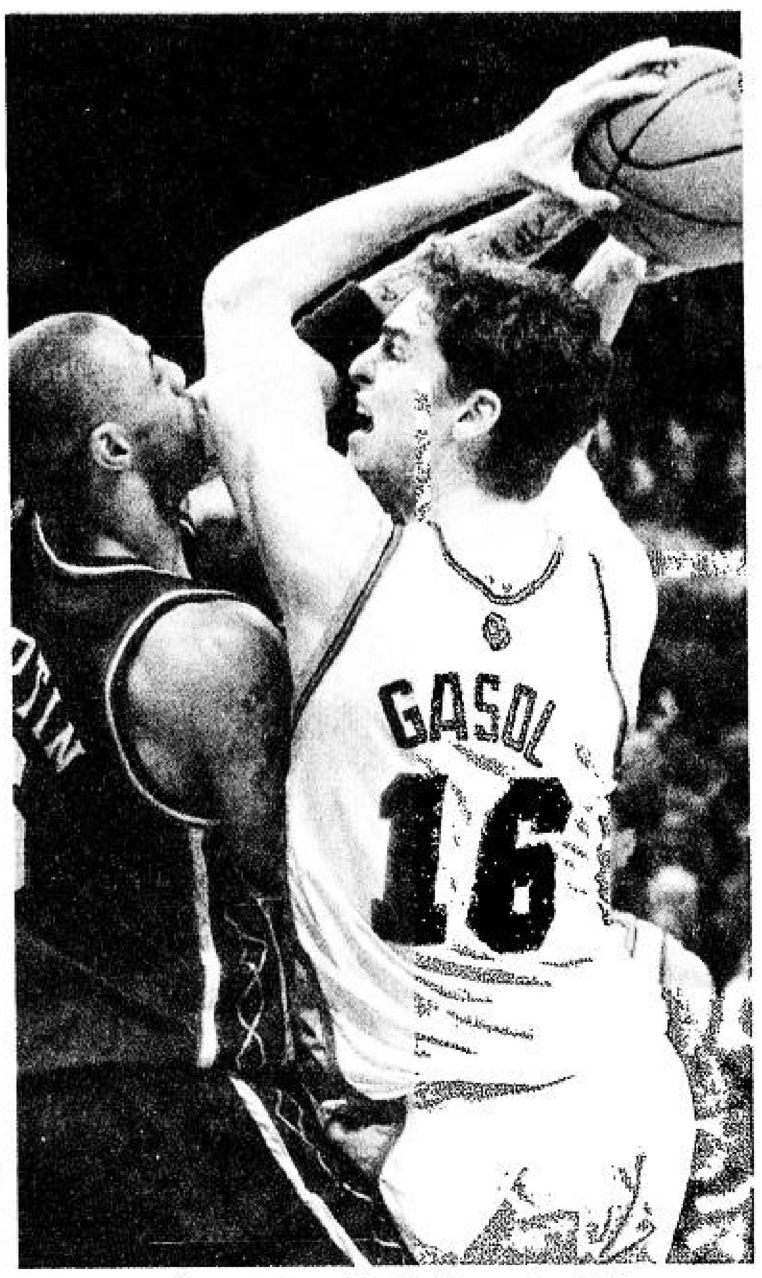
The National Sports Grill recently presented its Most Valuable Patron awards during its 2nd anniversary party. John Arigo (second from left) of Alaska receives his award in the Sports category from NSG top honcho Zamy Zamora (third from left) as NSG head coach Ponch Zamora (extreme left) and event's host Tony Atayde look on.

NBA allows Kemp to play

THE NATIONAL Basketball Association announced Friday that Orlando Magic forward Shawn Kemp's two-game suspension for a third violation of the league's drug program is over.

Kemp, whose career has deteriorated amid battles with weight and drug problems, was eligible to play in Friday night's contest with the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Magic signed the six-time All-Star on September 5. The underachieving Kemp forfeited 25 million dollars of a 46.5 million-dollar contract in a buyout agreement with the Portland Trail Blazers earlier in the summmer. *AFP*



PAU Gasol (right) of the Memphis Grizzlies tangles with Kenyon Martin of the New Jersey Nets. The Grizzlies won, 97-90. AFP

COMPLETE NBA RESULTS

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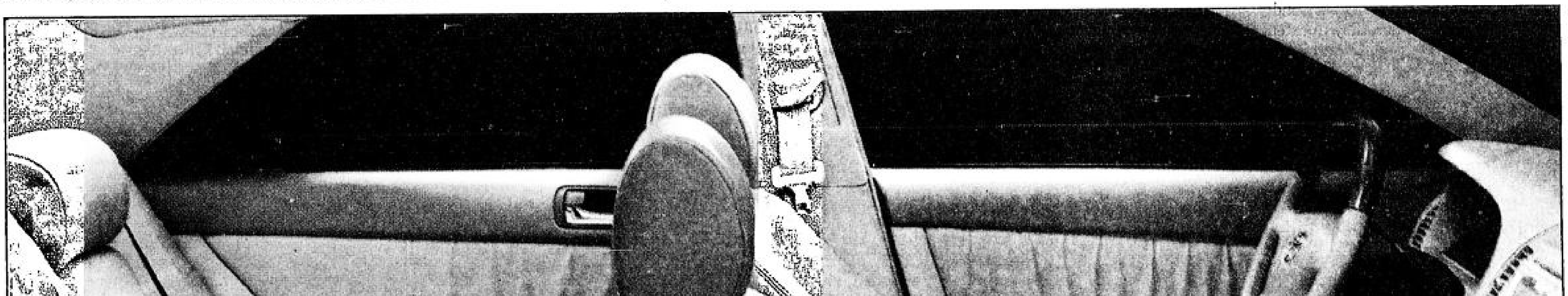

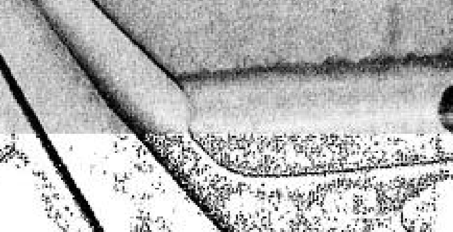

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Subic hosts Legend Tee on Feb. 22

A BRAND new Nissan Sentra, trips to Kuala Lumpur and many other interesting prizes are at stake in the second edition of the Legend Tee golf tournament on Feb. 22 at the Subic Bay Golf and Country Club in Olongapo City.

Legend International Resorts Ltd., owners and operators of the Legenda Hotel & Casino, Grand Seasons Hotel & Casino and Legenda Suites in Subic Bay, is organizing the event for its regular foreign and local clients as well as business partners, investors in Subic Bay Freeport Zone and local businessmen.

Using the theme "A Three-in-One for Business, Charity and Test of Skills," the event aims to prop up the promotion of business opportunities in the country, particularly in Subic and Clark.

Spearheaded by Mr. Khoo Boo Boon, CEO of Legend International Resorts, the tournament aims to raise funds from the auction which will be held during the awarding ceremonies. Taylormade-adidas committed to support the auction.

Ms. Shirley Boey, chairperson of the Legend Tee, said each member of the winning team and the individual champions in Classes A, B and C as well as the players who score the lowest gross and lowest net would get round-trip tickets to Kuala Lumpur.

Special prizes also await players who with the longest and most accurate drive, hit the tee-shot nearest to the pin and score the most number of birdies.

The brand-new Nissan, a high-end lawn tractor and round-trip business class tickets to Korea and Shenzhen/Hong Kong serve as hole-in-one prizes.

Legend International Resorts, one of the largest investors in Subic Bay for the past decade, is holding the tournament specifically to encourage investors in the country.

The organizers have invited no less than Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to grace the ceremonial tee-off.

The opening ceremony of the investment promotion and exhibition will also take place during the event.

For information, call the secretariat at tel. nos. 02-732-9888 or 047-252-1888 and fax at 02-712-8575 or 047-252-2596 during office hours.

Hot Els fires 64, is 9 shots ahead

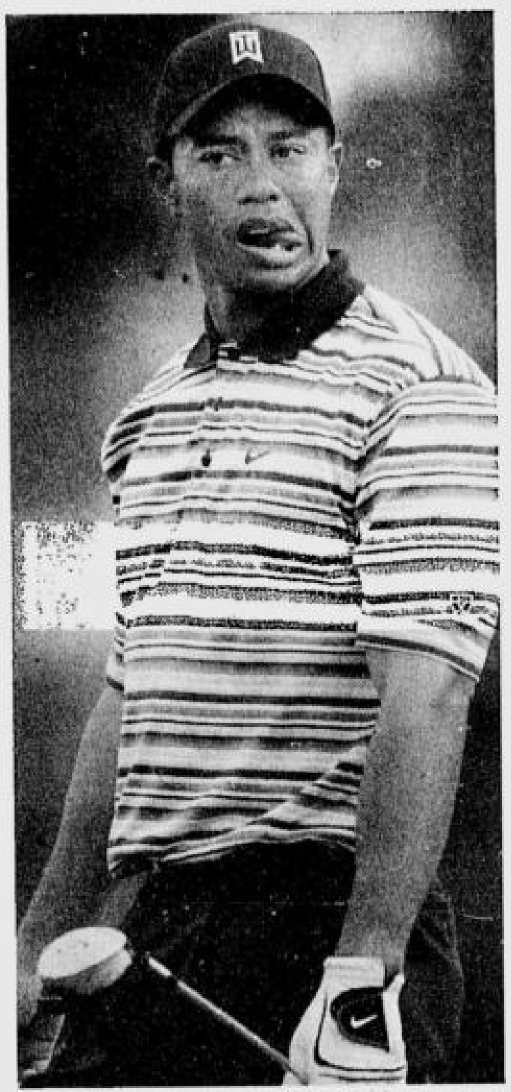
PERTH, Australia—Ernie Els shot an 8-under 64 at Lake Karrinyup on Saturday to extend his lead to nine strokes in the Johnnie Walker Classic and move closer to his fourth tournament win of the year.

Els, starting the day four shots ahead, has a three-round total of 23-under 193 on the par-72 course. Jean-Francois Remesy of France is tied for second at 14-under 202 after a 65 Saturday with Craig Kamps of South Africa, who shot 64.

Defending champion Retief Goosen of South Africa is among a group of four tied for fourth at 13-under 203. Goosen had a 66 Saturday and is tied with David Smail of New Zealand (64) and Australians Andre Stolz (67) and Stephen Leaney (68).

Els is coming off a successful defense of his Heineken Classic title at Royal Melbourne two weeks ago and has captured four of the last five tournaments he's played, including his final event of 2002. He has won 10 worldwide titles since teaming with Retief Goosen to win the World Cup in November 2001.

Samsung golf draws huge field



US golfer Tiger Woods sticks out his tongue after teeing off on the 14th hole during Round One of the Buick Invitational. AFP

A TOTAL of 120 players from 18 schools are vying for team and individual honors in the Samsung National Interscholastics set Feb. 19-21 at the tree-lined Villamor Golf Club course.

Arch rivals La Salle and Ateneo are fielding their best teams in the elementary, high school and college divisions of the three-day event that marks the revival of the Interscholastics.

Represented in the grade school competition are Poveda, La Salle Greenhills, Ateneo, Reedley IS, St. Benedict Alabang, Elizabeth Seton, Pilar Village, Sto. Nino Learning Center, OB Montessori-Angeles, Ateneo and University of Asia and the Pacific are the teams entered in college plays.

Boy Blue Ocampo of the organizing PSMG said they were surprised with the overwhelming response of schools despite the short notice.

"This goes to show that most of the schools are really keen on supporting the promotion of golf and the development of talents if given the proper venue," said Ocampo. "This is just the beginning of what we hope would become a national assembly of the best school talents in the country."

Ocampo said that several schools from the provinces already expressed their desire to join the next staging.

Interested schools and individual entries may call the Professional Sports Management Group at 671-1082 or cell 0917-838-1874.

The Interscholastics is part of a three-in-one event dubbed as the Samsung DigitAll Golf Challenge. Sponsors are TaylorMade-Adidas, Gatorade, Maxfli, Fila, Custom Clubmakers, Hotshots Flame-Grilled Burgers, Wave 89.1, City Lite 88.3, 103.5 K-Lite, Magic 89.9, KillerBee and 99.5 RT are radio partners.

Tiger trails college rival by 5 strokes

SAN DIEGO—Tiger Woods finally got his first round behind him Friday, finishing with a birdie for a 2-under 70 that left him five strokes behind former college rival Arron Oberholser in the Buick Invitational.

"Sloggy," he said to describe the conditions at Torrey Pines and the state of his game.

Out of competition for two months because of knee surgery, Woods had his moments.

The 156-man field had to practice under the lights and resumed the round at 7:30 a.m. No one had a tougher start than Woods.

His final tee shot Thursday afternoon went in the rough and under a tree, and his first swing of the day was a knockdown 6-iron that had to stay below a 6-foot (1.8-meter) ceiling of branches, wrap around another short tree and head to a flag tucked behind a bunker.

It came off perfectly, stopping 18 feet (5.4 meters) behind the hole.

"It was one of those shots you know you can make bogey or double bogey, and I had a chance at birdie," Woods said.

He missed the putt, but that was nothing new.

Overnight rains have made the greens at Torrey Pines slow and bumpy. *AP*

Potenciano dominates junior tilt

MARIA Christina Potenciano dominated the girls' Class E (8 years and under) division of the school season series of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines recently at the Riviera executive course.

Potenciano had won the past two weeks in runaway fashion while Miguel Tabuena and Raymund Gonzales are in a heated rivalry for the boys side as they split the last two legs.

Meanwhile, Holen Juan Superal had shown tremendous improvement to win both legs in Class D (9-10 years). The girls Class D is being hotly disputed by Angela Erika de Villa and Angelica Datingaling.

Over at the Orchard, Kevin Lee, Magnum Bakunawa and Amando Eustaquio topped their respective divisions (classes A, B and C) in the boys category.

Reb Sotelo Bareng, Geleen Handog and Crystal Faith Superal bagged the girls' titles.

Lee scored a 76 to beat Kevin Lachica by one in Class A, Bakunawa's 75 earned him an eight-shot win while Eustaquio won by four over John Kier Abdon with his 74.

Gerry Handog, president of Jungolf, said classes A to C would return to the Orchard on Feb. 23 while the lower divisions will play their weekly rounds at Riviera.

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Members of the triumphant UE fencing team pose after bagging the UAAP men's title at the PSC Fencing Hall. The 13-member team, under head coach Rufelrino Endriano, earned three gold medals, one silver and three bronze medals.

Ali remains unbeaten in 14 fights

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky—Laila Ali, fighting in her legendary father's hometown, remained undefeated in 14 professional fights Friday, stopping Mary Ann Almager in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round women's super middleweight fight.

Ali, daughter of boxing icon Muhammad Ali, dominated the bout over her smaller opponent, a 10-year veteran in a sport that Ali took up just three years ago. Ali finished off Almager with a right to the body that doubled her over, prompting the referee to step in. It was Ali's 11th victory inside the distance and with it she retained her International Boxing Association title.

"Nobody likes it to the body," said Ali, a 25-year-old who has carefully built her ring resume since trading in her previous career owning and operating a nail salon.

Her model's looks and famous name have many hailing her as the star who could take women's boxing mainstream, and Friday's Valentine's Day bout marked the second time Ali headlined the ESPN2 sports television network's "Friday Night Fights" programme.

Certainly, she was welcomed as a star in Louisville, where fight fans chanted "Ali, Ali" during the introductions, the fight and as she celebrated her triumph in the ring. *AFP*

Gavilan dies

WASHINGTON—Kid Gavilan, the Cuban-born American fighter who was the world welterweight champion from 1951 to 1954, died of a heart attack at age 77, CNN reported here Friday. Gavilan, whose real name was Gerardo Gonzalez, was born in Cuba in 1926. An impressive career in the Golden Age of boxing saw Gavilan win 107 fights with 30 losses and six draws. *AFP*

Williams rips Pisnik, makes semis

ANTWERP, Belgium—Three of the world's top-five players–Venus Williams, Justine Henin-Hardenne and Daniela Hantuchova –advanced to the semifinals of the US$585,000 Diamond Games with straight sets wins Friday.

Belgian star Kim Clijsters, the world's No. 3, tried to complete the stellar lineup late Friday in her quarterfinal against Swiss Patty Schnyder.

Top-seeded Williams, ranked second in the world, beat Slovenia's Tina Pisnik 6-1, 6-4, while Slovakia's Hantuchova, ranked fifth and seeded here fourth here, edged France's Nathalie Dechy in two tight sets, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (6). The two winners play each other Saturday.

Henin-Hardenne, the world's No. 4, swept past Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-2, 6-4.

Defending champion Williams charged to a 5-0 lead and won the first set in 30 minutes then momentarily lost her concentration, letting Pisnik break early in the second set.

Williams immediately broke back but the Slovene, ranked 56th in the world, held on until 4-4 before losing her serve once again. "I had to work to get it even," said Williams, praising Pisnik's gutsy play. "I definitely had to go out there and play."

With an easy service game, the American wrapped up the match in just one hour. *AP*

Tuason racing slated

THE TUASON Racing School will stage its first session of Introduction to Karting Class on March 1 at the Carmona Circuit Philippines. The registration fee is P1,500. Twenty slots are still available for the country's first comprehensive hands-on racing shcool sponsored by Oxygen, Standard Insurance, Batangas Racing Circuit, Sparco, Blue Moon, AC Motorsports, Autoline, Drive Concept Wheels, Paintworks and Lessonal Paint. For other details, call Len at 531-2962 or 535-4769.

RP-CHILE AGREEMENT
Dr. Gerardo Rocha (2nd from left), University of Santo Tomas-Chile president and official representative of Chile Olympic committee president Fernando Eitel, and Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso L. Dayrit shake hands after signing an agreement designed to boost the sports programs of the two countries recently. Also in picture are Gonzalo "Lito" Puyat II, former two-term FIBA president, and POC treasurer Benjamin Ramos, who witnessed the signing.

RACING TIPS

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Race 1--1. Petro Dollar 2. D'Optician 3. Kiss Me Quick 4. Better King
Race 2--1. Ocean Menary 2. Rain Check 3. Norisky 4. Hong Kong Treasures
Race 3--1. Double Header 2. Fire 3. Modulo Queen
Race 4--1. Vigor 2. Shape of the Wind 3. Hong Kong Girl
Race 5--1. Lyonnais 2. Bull Rider
Race 6--1. Man of the Hour 2. Silver Music 3. Eyewitness 4. Mr. Speaker
Race 7--1. Slip Way 2. Clipperzone 3. Bulacan Boss 4. Magic Symbo
Race 8--1. King Rick 2. Incrediview 3. Real Material 4. La Signorina
Race 9--1. Something Silver 2. Spoiler 3. Winning Prize
Race 10--1. Time Gentleman 2. Fast Eddie 3. Mrs. Rainier
Race 11--1. Jay Nicole 2. Trail Blazer 3. Run Like D' Wind 4. Diskarte
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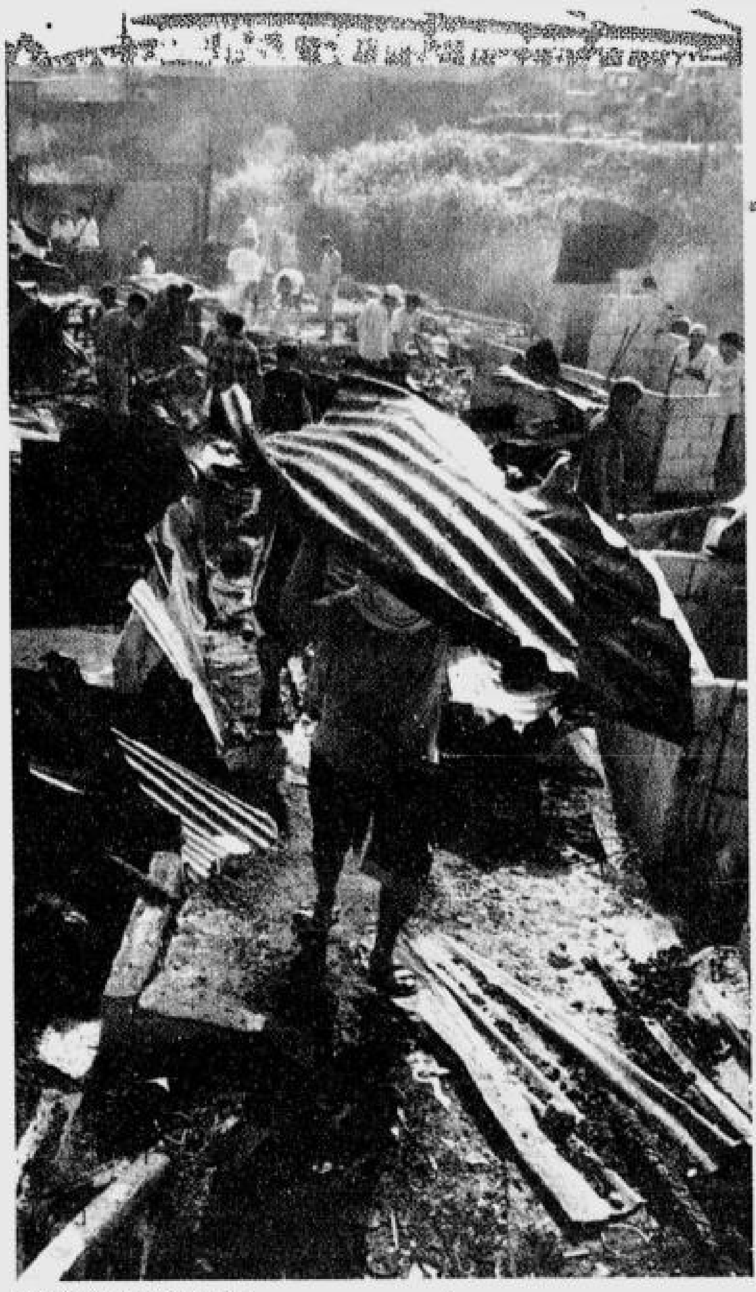

FIRE AFTER FIRE
Rape cases are up in Metro Manila, so are fire incidents. Despair and desolation reign as residents of a squatter colony along Visayas Ave. try to salvage what's left of their shanties, razed in one of three fires that hit Quezon City on Friday. About 500 families lost their houses in another big fire in Binondo, Manila on Thursday. DENNIS SABANGAN

Bus owners defy BF; chaos looms

By Leila B. Salaverria

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando

CLAIRE dela Fuente

BUS owners yesterday vowed to defy Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando's order for all public utility vehicles to comply with the "number coding" scheme beginning Monday up to Friday.

They have nothing to comply with, the bus owners group maintained.

No way, violators would be apprehended, the MMDA stressed.

With tension mounting, Integrated Metro Bus Operators Association (Imboa) president Claire dela Fuente yesterday claimed they have not received any official word about the compulsory to compliance with the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program once again. Hence, they would continue to operate as before.

"We have nothing to comply with," she said in a phone interview yesterday. "There's a process that must be followed."

She added that she only heard about Fernando's statement through the media, and that should the MMDA attempt to issue an order today, it would already be too late.

Without any official communication from the MMDA, buses with plate numbers ending in 1 and 2 would continue to ply the roads on Monday, Dela Fuente said.

Under the UVVRP or "number coding" scheme, all vehicles with license plates ending in 1 and 2 are banned on Mondays; 3 and 4 on Tuesdays; 5 and 6 on Wednesdays; 7 and 8 on Thursdays and 9 and 0 on Fridays.

But Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios stressed that the MMDA Chair's announcement stands.

He said that public utility vehicles that violate the UVVRP on Monday would be caught.

"We'll apprehend violators," he said. "If the bus drivers invoke the previous memorandum exempting them, they can appeal to the (MMDA's) adjudication board. But we will apprehend them first."

He added that it is clear in the MMDA's mandate that it is allowed to formulate policy regarding traffic.

On Thursday, Fernando announced that, as part of the experimental scheme, the UVVRP would be imposed for one week on all PUVs beginning Monday.

He said the experiment is meant to check how best to implement the UVVRP.

On Feb. 3, the UVVRP implementation was suspended in Metro Manila except Makati. Recently, the suspension was also lifted in Mandaluyong.

Meanwhile, Fernando also made the assurance on Friday that there won't be any shortage of public transportation for commuters since PUVs, with the exception of buses, have always been under the UVVRP.

He also said there won't be a shortage of buses since the buses are not getting filled to capacity even when they were exempted from the UVVRP.

Dela Fuente lashed back at this pronouncement.

"We're not stupid to keep on fielding our buses if they're not earning money," she said.

Funds sought as rape cases rise 40 percent

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

RAPE incidents are on the rise in Metro Manila, from only 188 cases reported in 2001 to 260 last year.

Alarmed at the 40 percent increase, Sen. Loren Legarda batted for state funding for crisis centers to assist rape victims nationwide.

Legarda expressed grave concern over the increase, and urged Congress to fund the implementation of Republic Act 8505 or the Rape Victim Assistance and Protection Act of 1998 which mandates the creation of state-run crisis centers for rape victims in every city and province.

The law calls for an initial appropriation of P100 million for the establishment and operation of rape crisis centers; and thereafter the funding for the centers shall be included in the budgetary allocations for the agencies concerned in the annual General Appropriations Act.

"The initial amount has yet to be authorized by Congress in the annual budget, more than five years after the law was passed," Legarda said.

The law was passed by Congress and signed by President Fidel Ramos in February 1998.

The rape crisis centers shall provide rape victims with psychological counseling, medical and health services, including their medico-legal examination; secure free legal assistance or service, when necessary, for rape victims; and assist them in the investigation to hasten the arrest of offenders and the filing of cases in court.

The centers shall also provide psychological counseling and medical services whenever necessary for the family of rape victims; and develop and undertake a training program for law enforcement officers, public prosecutors, lawyers, medico-legal officers, social workers, and barangay officials on human rights and responsibility; gender sensitivity and legal management of rape cases.

Strunk lawyers vow all-out fight

By Michael Lim Ubac

LAWYERS for American Roger Lawrence Strunk, the principal accused in the murder of movie actress Nida Blanca, vowed yesterday to use all legal avenues to block his trial with the Pasig City regional trial court.

Maintaining that her client was innocent, Strunk lawyer Alma Mallonga said that the Siguion-Reyna law office was preparing to file a host of legal pleadings both with the Pasig court and the Department of Justice.

Initially, Strunk's battery of lawyers would be filing a motion to defer the issuance of a warrant of arrest with the Pasig court "pending the determination of probable cause."

"The warrant should be issued only after the judge had ascertained that there is indeed probable cause for its issuance," said Mallonga.

The DOJ led by Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuno said on Friday that extradition proceedings against Strunk would start once the court issued the arrest warrant.

But Mallonga stressed that the extradition of Strunk, who is in California, USA, was not automatic.

"Any extradition (request) will undergo judicial scrutiny by competent US authorities," she said.

Mallonga claimed that the "sufficiency of that request will be tested against US laws and jurisprudence."

She told the INQUIRER that Strunk was not running away.

"He's not moving anywhere. He is staying in the same place," she said.

"He told me in a telephone conversation (on Friday) that he will do everything to show that he is innocent," she added.

Strunk's lawyers are also thinking of filing a motion to dismiss the complaint because of insufficiency of evidence to warrant indictment.

Mallonga also claimed that her client still had legal recourse within the DOJ itself.

"Mr. Strunk has the right to file a motion for reconsideration (within 15 days). If that is denied we would file an appeal with (Justice Secretary Simeon Datumanong)," she said.

As to the grounds for seeking a reconsideration or an appeal, Mallonga said she would urge the panel who ruled against Strunk to "revisit certain legal issues which we feel will exculpate our client."

Mallonga refused to comment on the DOJ resolution, which has yet to be mailed to her and to the law office.

She, however, pointed out that the panel should not put Strunk and Medel on the same plane.

"Mr. Strunk is different from Medel," said Mallonga. "We can't tie up Rod Strunk and Medel as virtually one entity."

She also bellitled Zuno's claim that the criminal complaint for murder against Strunk and Medel was an "airtight case."

"It's not an airtight case. The DOJ anchors its case on the recanted testimony of Medel," she said.

Bloody coffee

By Leila B. Salaverria

AN EARLY morning coffee stop turned bloody for 24-year-old Cecilia Lai who was shot after being robbed of her valuables inside a Makati gas station's convenience store.

Lai, her 27-year-old brother Raymund Martin and three other friends were in a convenience store in the Shell gasoline station along Pasong Tamo corner Herrera St. at around 4:00 a.m. yesterday when three armed men barged in.

The suspects then poked their guns at the group, who were having coffee, and began taking their valuables.

Taken from the victims were three cellular phones, two wallets and two gold bracelets.

Police said none of the victims put up a fight, but when the suspects had finished taking the valuables and were about to leave, two of them turned around and shot at the victims several times.

Lai was hit on the right foot and was later brought to the Makati Medical Center.

The three suspects and a fourth companion who acted as driver and lookout escaped on board a dark vehicle believed to be a Honda Civic.

Recovered from the scene were spent shells of a .45 and a .9mm gun.

Raymund told police that while the robbery was in progress, he tried to get the attention of the gasoline station's security guard but the guard allegedly did not do anything.

Police said the security guard might have been frightened by the armed suspects, especially since he was outnumbered.

Police are now hunting for the suspects.

Angie, Joey and Bayani: The singers, not the songs

By Leila B. Salaverria

BETH Sison Tagle (leftmost) of Newsmakers Promotions, which will produce the musical concert Salute, seated with her stars: DND Sec. Angelor Reyes, DILG Sec. Joey Lina and DPWH Secretary and MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando. Standing are director Angie Magbanua and musical director Gery Matias.

ANGELO Reyes, Joey Lina and Bayani Fernando hold key positions in the Cabinet, but they take on an arguably more challenging task on March 22.

They will all sing as main attractions in "Salute" a fund-raising musical concert.

The three executive officials will unleash the power of their voices in the Manila Hotel for the benefit of "good" police officers who have been hauled off to court while doing their jobs.

Funds would be raised through ticket sales and, this early, the show promises to be a big hit. Reason: people would be very interested on the singers, not the songs.

"(The amount generated) would be for the free legal assistance for good cops," Interior and Local Government Secretary Lina said in his weekly radio show yesterday.

Lina added that he, Defense Secretary Reyes and Public Works Secretary and Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Fernando would be pitting their talents against veteran singer Dulce.

Interviewed yesterday, Fernando said each of the performers would be singing around five songs.

During Lina's radio show, Fernando said he would be singing the theme song from Phantom of the Opera "All I ask of You" in a duet with Dulce.

"I'm already practicing the songs," he said with a laugh.

The MMDA Chair, whom urban poor and militant groups have likened to Hitler for his hard-nosed stance in the sidewalk clearing campaign, is known to have a penchant for singing, especially the romantic *kundiman*.

People close to Fernando have said that when he was still mayor of Marikina, he would regularly sing in gatherings.

Lina said the concert organizers are still finalizing the details of the show.

US seeking extradition of Filipina in fraud and forgery

By Jerome Aning

THE UNITED States government has asked the extradition of a Filipina who is wanted since 1993 for several counts of forgery, bank fraud and wire fraud in Guam.

The 18-page petition, filed by government lawyers led by assistant chief state counsel Antonio Abanilla, seeks the extradition of Vivian Caingat Ramos, 44.

The extradition case is being heard by Manila regional trial court Branch 11.

The US government submitted its extradition request in September last year to the Department of Foreign Affairs, which forwarded the case to the Department of Justice.

Ramos is co-defendant in the case involving her brother Rogelio Caingat, who was convicted for five counts of bank fraud and three counts of wire fraud.

He was later sentenced to 16 months federal imprisonment and three years supervised released with conditions.

US Secret Service agents traced Caingat's two accounts in two California banks which Caingat reportedly used to draw cash from stolen treasury checks he gave to his victims.

The agents traced transactions involving some $172,000 using the stolen treasury notes distributed by Caingat to his friends, employer or acquaintances in Los Angeles from 1987 to 1989.

Some of the stolen checks found their way in Manila and were used in various transactions by Ramos and her boyfriend Avelino Cervantes.

The US investigators later learned that Ramos was her brother's accomplice. She faces five counts of forgery, five counts of bank fraud and three counts of wire fraud.

Ang ganda-ganda niya! Darna!

Work with us, Manila dad tells depot critics

By Jerome Aning

"WORK with us not against us."

This was the advise of a Manila councilor, who became upset after a non-government organization claimed that the city lawmakers are out to rig the ordinance phasing out the Pandacan oil depot.

Councilor Julio Logarta Jr. even accused Vladimir Cabigao, convenor of the United Front to Oust the Oil Depot (UFO-OD), of "riding on the coattails of the (Manila city) council, trying to make people believe that it was (Cabigao's) idea to have the depot closed."

Logarta explained that it was the mayor and the councilors who initiated the measure to have the oil companies removed from Pandacan, and not the UFO-OD.

The UFO-OD, which is pushing for the total closure of the depot, boycotted the council hearing on the oil facility last Wednesday, saying that the outcome "has already been predetermined."

But Logarta denied this and called on UFO-OD officials to "sit in the council's deliberations, consider the problems involved and make suggestions to correct such problems."

UFO-OD claimed that the councilors allied with Mayor Lito Atienza would either repeal or "weaken" the controversial ordinance, in favor of the oil firms.

"This is a cheap and shallow gimmick unworthy of anyone who is truly concerned with Manila's problem," Logarta said in reply.

Cabigao earlier described the city hearings as "an exercise in futility, and a waste of public funds."

Exaggerated

In last Wednesday's hearing on the fuel depot, a delegation from the three biggest oil firms pointedly said that they want the ordinance amended to allow them to stay in Pandacan.

Although officials of the oil firms said that they were concerned about the safety of the residents living near and around the depot, they denied that the fuel facility "is a disaster waiting to happen."

"We believe that the dangers are exaggerated and overblown," according to Shell official Bobby Kanapi, who read the joint statement. "Our terminals have been operating in the country for more than 80 years with no major incident because safety is a paramount concern for all of us."

Shell, Caltex and Petron also cited the findings of the EQE International, a third-party risk consultant, that the "existing configuration of the terminals in Pandacan exceeds acceptable society risk criteria when compared to international standards."

State of the art

The oil firms said they have state-of-the-art fire and safety equipment and personnel, who help fight fires in nearby areas.

But in the course of last Wednesday's hearing, the councilors were surprised to learn that the oil companies and the national government do not have a civil contingency plan should disaster strike the depot and affect the community.

The aldermen said they were also alarmed by the fact that no evacuation routes and procedures have been set for the 60,000 Pandacan residents and the 30,000 others living near the depot across the Pasig River.

Early last year, the Manila city fire department said that it does not have enough men or equipment to fight a large fire or a terrorist attack on the depot.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez also said during the hearing that the oil depot may be safely phased out and relocated once the showdown between Iraq and the United States ends.

Golez stressed that closing the depot now would affect the country's fuel supply and cause oil price hikes.

Golez said military analysts he consulted told him that the war would not take more than three months because of the military superiority of the US and its allies.

He said that as soon as the situation in the Middle East stabilizes, the discussions for the depot's closure may resume.

Traffic chief: Obey rules if you don't want to pay fines

By Leila Salaverria

"IF THEY don't want to pay a lot of fines, then they shouldn't break a lot of rules."

That is what the Metro Manila Development Authority's traffic chief has to say to the jeepney and taxi drivers who refuse to pay for all the violations cited on their tickets when they are caught.

Jeepney and taxi drivers and operators on Friday also asked MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando if they could just pay for the highest fine—and not the accumulated amount of the fines—for all the violations cited in their tickets.

But Angelito Vergel De Dios, MMDA Traffic Operations Center director, said that the logic behind the penalty scheme is for the drivers to obey traffic regulations.

He added that the same system of paying for all violations is done under the Land Transportation Office.

Previously, erring motorists were only made to pay for the highest amount on the traffic violation ticket, but under Fernando, the system was changed and erring drivers were made to pay the fines for all the rules they broke.

On Tuesday, Fernando advised tricycle drivers that they would have to coordinate with the MMDA if they want to put a stop to the racket of mulcting cops and paying "tong."

Fernando said the MMDA's Terminals and Stands team is going around the metropolis looking for sites to turn into terminals for public utility vehicles.

With these terminals, public utility vehicles drivers would have a respite from the constant cat-and-mouse game they often play with law enforcers.

"I have asked transport operators and associations to coordinate with the Terminals and Stands team," he said, adding that tricycle drivers should do the same.

The team would also work with the local government units and the barangay officials in looking for an ideal location for a terminal.

The MMDA chair added that the new terminals would be built by the MMDA and would be equipped with the proper facilities.

Fernando also said that, while some traffic enforcers are probably guilty of mulcting from tricycle drivers, they are few in number.

THESE BOYS' LIFE

These young boys are forced to a harsh life on the streets, elbowing each other out for meager alms from jeepney passengers in Cubao. Last January, they lost their homes in a fire that razed their community on Ermin Garcia Street, Quezon City.

DENNIS SABANGAN

Court worker dares woman, 68, to fight

By Tina Santos

A METROPOLITAN Trial Court employee is now in hot water after he allegedly swore at, and challenged to a fistfight, a 68-year-old woman in Caloocan City.

Court employee Salvador Torriaga, 54, of Acco Homes, Padas Alley, KV, Caloocan, is facing charges of grave threats and abuse of authority before the office of Insp. Redulfin Coloma, chief of the Caloocan City Hall detachment.

Complainant Angeles Berino said Torriaga came to the defense of a customer and owner of a gambling den which was across the street from her house.

Berino said she caught the customer of the gambling den urinating in front of her house on Saturday, police said.

Berino said that she has repeatedly warned the men who hang out at the gambling den to refrain from urinating in front of her house.

Upon hearing that Berino was scolding her customer, the den owner came to the man's rescue and sought the help of Torriaga, who lives nearby.

Torriaga then stormed Berino's house, cursed her and challenged her to a fight.

Berino also claimed that the gambling den, subject of numerous complaints from several residents in the area, continues to operate because it is allegedly being protected by a Malabon policeman and barangay officials.

Marquez wants to revive Jancom contract

By Leila Salaverria

AFTER being given the boot by the Metro Manila Council, the controversial Jancom garbage contract might soon be resurrected after its proponents found an ally in Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez.

In a letter dated Feb. 6, 2003 and addressed to Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando, Marquez asked that the Jancom contract be endorsed to the president once more.

"I strongly suggest that the MMDA recommend to (the President) the immediate implementation of the Jancom contract," the mayor said in the letter.

He added that the city government has signed a memorandum of understanding with Jancom to build a transfer station in Parañaque. The MOU was signed last November.

Marquez endorsed the sanitary landfill as a solution to Metro Manila's garbage woes and added that he is convinced that Jancom and its principal partner, Vivendi Environmental Corp., could put up a "modern" and "efficient" sanitary landfill and transfer stations in Metro Manila.

"Logic dictates that Metro Manila should install at least a sanitary landfill to solve the garbage problem finally and effectively," Marquez said. "I am convinced (Jancom and Vivendi) can put up a sanitary landfill facility and transfer stations as modern and as efficient as those being operated in most modern cities in the world."

Marquez said he had been able to prove this during a recent trip to Hong Kong where he and members of his city council visited Vivendi's operations.

The Parañaque mayor also requested that the Jancom contract be tackled in the next Metro Manila Council meeting.

Asked for a reaction, Fernando said he has yet to receive the letter.

"I'd rather wait until I've read it before I comment on it," he said.

In June last year, the Metro Manila Council, which is made up of Metro Manila mayors and chaired by Fernando, decided not to recommend to the president the Jancom contract, voicing fears of being unable to pay the required tipping fee.

The MMDA has since been hauled to court for refusing to uphold the contract.

Jancom spokesperson Ricky Alegre yesterday lauded Marquez's decision.

"We're happy that there's a local official with genuine concern to resolve the garbage crisis," he said.

He added that another local official is considering letting Jancom build a transfer station to address the problem of the huge open dumpsite in his area.

Atty. Manuel Molina, Jancom lawyer, said the MOU with Parañaque would not affect the case Jancom filed to make the MMDA uphold the contract since the MOU deals with a component in the Jancom contract.

"It's a forward implementation of the contract," he said. "It's co-terminus with the contract between the MMDA and Jancom. Otherwise, there would have been a need for a public bidding."

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, February 16, 2003
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has a boil, an inflammation or a sore on his skin which could develop into leprosy, he must be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of the priests, his descendants.

"This means that the man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest shall declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head.

"A person infected with leprosy must wear torn clothing and leave his hair uncombed; he must cover his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean.' As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live away from others: he must live outside the camp."

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31-1:1

Whether you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do it for the glory of God. Give no offense to the Jews, or to the Greeks, or to the Church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything. I do not seek my own interest, but that of many, this is: that they be saved.

Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ.

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and begged him, "If you so will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." The leprosy left the man at once and he was made clean. As Jesus sent the man away, he sternly warned him, "Don't tell anyone about this, but go and show yourself to the priest and for the cleansing bring the offering ordered by Moses; in this way you will make your declaration."

However, as soon as the man went out, he began spreading the news everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter any town. But even though he stayed in the rural areas, people came to him from everywhere.

Commentary

When the leper asked to be cured, he humbled himself and begged Jesus to heal him. He said, "If you so will . . ." He opened himself in humility to the will of Jesus. Knowing that he was an outcast and thus considered a sinner by society, he did not insist or demand but begged. He trusted Jesus and believed in Him, " . . . you make me clean." Jesus has always willed that we may be clean and be part of the community. He is just waiting for us to accept our own "sickness" and ask for his cure. We always say that we trust him but unlike the leper, we sometimes fail to allow his will to happen to us, and trust that his will will always be the best for us.

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Think twice before going topless in Navotas

By Tina Santos

THE NAVOTAS municipal government is now rounding up people who love to bare their chests in public.

In a statement, Mayor Toby Tiangco said he has already instructed the members of Task Force Disiplina, Public Order and Safety Office, and the police department to implement municipal ordinance 2002-19, banning citizens, 15 years old and above, from venturing into public areas half naked.

"It's not nice to see people walking around naked from the waist up," Tiangco said. "We like Navoteños to give other people, especially the outsiders, the impression and the feeling of security that our town is a safe and pleasant place."

According to the ordinance, violators will be jailed, and ordered to pay P300 in fine or render community service.

The police have arrested 22 violators since the ordinance was implemented.

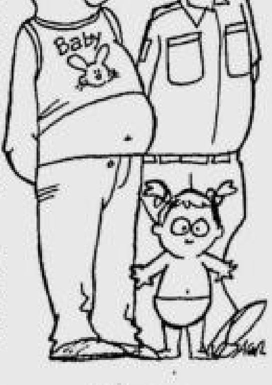
The lawmen said the delinquents—whose offenses were put on police record—were given a warning and lectured on the content and objectives of the ordinance.

The mayor said there is no excuse, not even the sweltering heat, for people to step out of their houses in any state of undress.

The Navotas ordinance came about after Metropolitan Manila Development chair Bayani Fernando announced his plan to implement the same ordinance throughout the metropolis.

Fernando started the whole thing in Marikina, when he was still mayor of the city.

"We will soon get there," said Fernando, referring to a Metro Manila devoid of topless thugs showing off tattoos. "Only then can we say we're civilized."



Wanted: Richard Merck, Dick Israel

THE CENTENNIAL Committee of the Sto. Rosario Elementary School (SRES) in Angeles City would like to call the attention of Richard Merck and Dick Israel to a Grand Motorcade and Alumni Homecoming today, Feb. 16, 1 p.m., at the school quadrangle. The two are graduates of the SRES, the first Thomasite school in Angeles City which marked its centennial last year. They may contact Mrs. Rosalinda Cordero, chair of the SRES Centennial Committee, at (0918)922-0516 or call the school phones at (045) 322-4496 and (045) 887-1395.

Discovery weekend

COUPLES who want to know more about each other can join the Discovery Weekend, an experience designed to develop and deepen relationships through a method of communication and dialogue that you can bring into your marriage.

Please visit the website at www.discoveryweekend.org or call Jane at 426-1271. Today, DW offers a free session at the Center for Family Ministries in Ateneo, 3 p.m.

Chair couples for the year 2003 are Maribel and Allan Dionisio, and Vicky and Mario Bautista.

You can also register now for the Mar. 7 to 9 DW to be held at the OMI Retreat House, QC.

Cop, lover in Valentine shooting

By Tina Santos

THE LOVE affair of a member of the national police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and a Chinese-Filipino woman ended badly on Valentine's Day in Valenzuela City.

Wilma Sebastian Co, of Apartment 26-Q B. Lopez Apartments, Karuhatan, Valenzuela, was taken to the Our Lady of Fatima Hospital after she sustained a gunshot wound in the back, police said.

According to a report, Co and Senior Insp. Samuel Sevilla, 43, assigned to the CIDG in Camp Crame, Quezon City, were together Friday night inside her apartment when a shot rang out.

Apartment tenants reported they heard a gunshot at around 11:30 p.m., police said.

Then they saw the lawman running out of the compound carrying Co in his arms.

Investigators said the shooting was probably triggered by an argument between the alleged lovers.

Police are now looking for Sevilla.

Man pays dearly for refusing to sell cheap

By Alcuin Papa

A MAN on Friday night stabbed to death a vendor in Quezon City for allegedly refusing to sell the suspect cigarettes at a cheap price.

Police said Anacito Giray, 36, of Batasan Hills, Quezon City, was peddling his wares in front of the STI College on the corner of Edsa and Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City, when suspect Alfredo Roque, 33, approached him at around 10:20 p.m.

According to a report from the Central Police District, Roque was drunk when he went to buy some cigarettes from the victim.

The suspect wanted to buy three cigarettes for P1, but the victim told him that one cigarette would cost him P1, said PO1 Leo Pasco of the CPD Criminal Investigation Unit.

Upset, Roque pulled out a knife and reportedly stabbed the victim in the right side, police said.

The suspect then fled while the victim was taken to the Quirino Memorial Medical Center where he died, according to PO1 Pasco.

Policemen who were on patrol in the area, managed to arrest the fleeing suspect.

Charges of murder are set to be filed against Roque, Pasco said.

Lucy fulfills Goma's wish with her own lifestyle TV show

By Leah Salterio

FROM SITCOM TO TELE-MAGAZINE. Lucy Torres Gomez hosts "All About You," which is expected to redefine the genre and elevate the level of tele-magazine shows in local TV.

PHOTOS BY ROMY HOMILLADA

HOSTING a TV show was never in the wildest dreams of Lucy Torres, who doesn't mind being referred to as the wife of actor Richard Gomez.

After she and Richard tied the knot in 1998 in Ormoc, Leyte, Lucy was convinced to star in an ABS-CBN sitcom, "Richard Loves Lucy."

Yet, even if Lucy became initially recognizable only in a series of Lux TV commercials, she has eventually become a celebrity in her own right.

Today, Lucy fulfills not her own fantasy, but the wish of her husband for her to host a show.

"All About You" is a lifestyle-magazine show which premieres at 11:30 a.m. today on GMA 7. Lucy hosts the weekly 30-minute program jointly presented by GMA 7 and Dove.

For the first time in local TV, "All About You" will feature women, not just in her usual roles that everyone is aware of, but in her personal self and being. The woman is shown in her real self and her real world, in what she wants and desires.

"It will show the deeper meaning in everything a woman does," Lucy offers.

The program will unravel not just a woman's achievements, but how others will be inspired to triumph in the challenges of times.

"After we did the sitcom, Richard was telling me that if ever I decide to go back to TV, I should host a show with this kind format," discloses Lucy.

"All About You" will also focus on Lucy's role not just as a wife to Richard, but also a mother to two-year-old Julianna.

GMA 7 executive Wilma Galvante discloses Lucy has been selected from a list of celebrities to host the new lifestyle-magazine show.

"Lucy was identified as a key in bringing the values of the show to the Filipino audience," Wilma explains. "We felt that a new and credible face must host the program that is expected to redefine the genre and elevate the level of tele-magazine shows in local TV."

For the premiere, women of beauty and power -- former First Daughter and Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos Manotoc and actress Dawn Zulueta -- will join Lucy as guests. The two women will share the things they do to enrich their lives despite their busy schedules.

Lucy welcomed the idea of interviewing Dawn, who was once romantically involved with Richard. The episode will see them not only sharing beauty secrets, but anecdotes with Richard, as well.

Dawn will also share her life in Davao, where she is now based with her husband Anton Lagdameo.

Meanwhile, Imee will demonstrate her creativity in interior decorating through color scheming.

Portions include "Your Style," "Your Body," "Your Taste," "Your Home" and "Your Being."

"All About You" also debuts with a catchy theme song penned by the prolific Trina Belamide, who also composed the popular World Youth Day anthem, "Tell the World of His Love."

Belinda . . .

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the chance to be in the business, I'm determined to make a name for myself."

Next important sexy star

DIRECTOR **Tikoy Aguiluz** is also doing his share to add a name to the growing list of sex goddesses.

For his latest film project, Tikoy recently launched with Maverick Films a nationwide search for a new face to play the lead in "webdiva.com." The female hopeful will be groomed for bold stardom and Tikoy believes she will be the next important sexy star.

Tikoy, who is known for his penchant in exploring unknown territory, will delve into the dark and dirty world of cybersex for his latest offering.

Tikoy will not only direct the film, but will also write the script with his Movpix creative team that includes Palanca awardee **Angelo "Sarge" Lacuesta** and **Jasmin Coles**, a finalist in the Cinemanila International Film Festival scriptwriting contest.

Also part of the film's conceptualization are webmaster **Rolando "Yuka" Eucasion** (a Webby awardee who developed the first Philippine movie website for Tikoy's "Rizal sa Dapitan" in 1997), film editor **Mirana Medina** (who worked in "Segurista," "Bagong Bayani" and "Biyaheng Langit") and production designer **Bonnie Juan**.

This early, show biz insiders believe Tikoy's "webdiva.com" is likely to create a stir like his controversial "Dukot Queen," starring **Sunshine Cruz** and Jay Manalo. Although the said movie never finished, outtakes of the much talked-about love scene of Sunshine and Jay fell into the hands of video pirates, generating a great deal of buzz and curiosity among the viewing public.

Tikoy, who is now in Germany as one of the judges of the annual Berlin Film Festival, will start the search as soon as he returns from his trip. Maverick Films **Eric Cuatico** will work with him in the search for the next sexy star.

Interested parties should send two pictures—a close up and a full-body shot—to the Maverick offices at 409 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City. The photos must be accompanied by the candidate's resumé and/or profile.

Tikoy informs "webdiva.com" follows the life of an Americanized Filipina who finds herself returning to Manila as a stranger in a strange land. Faced with difficult circumstances and forced to resolve her own conflicts, she finds solace and identity in her new job as a sex worker in an online pornography business.

The film documents her inevitable rise, as she discovers fame, love and other facets of her personality through her occupation and the people she encounters.

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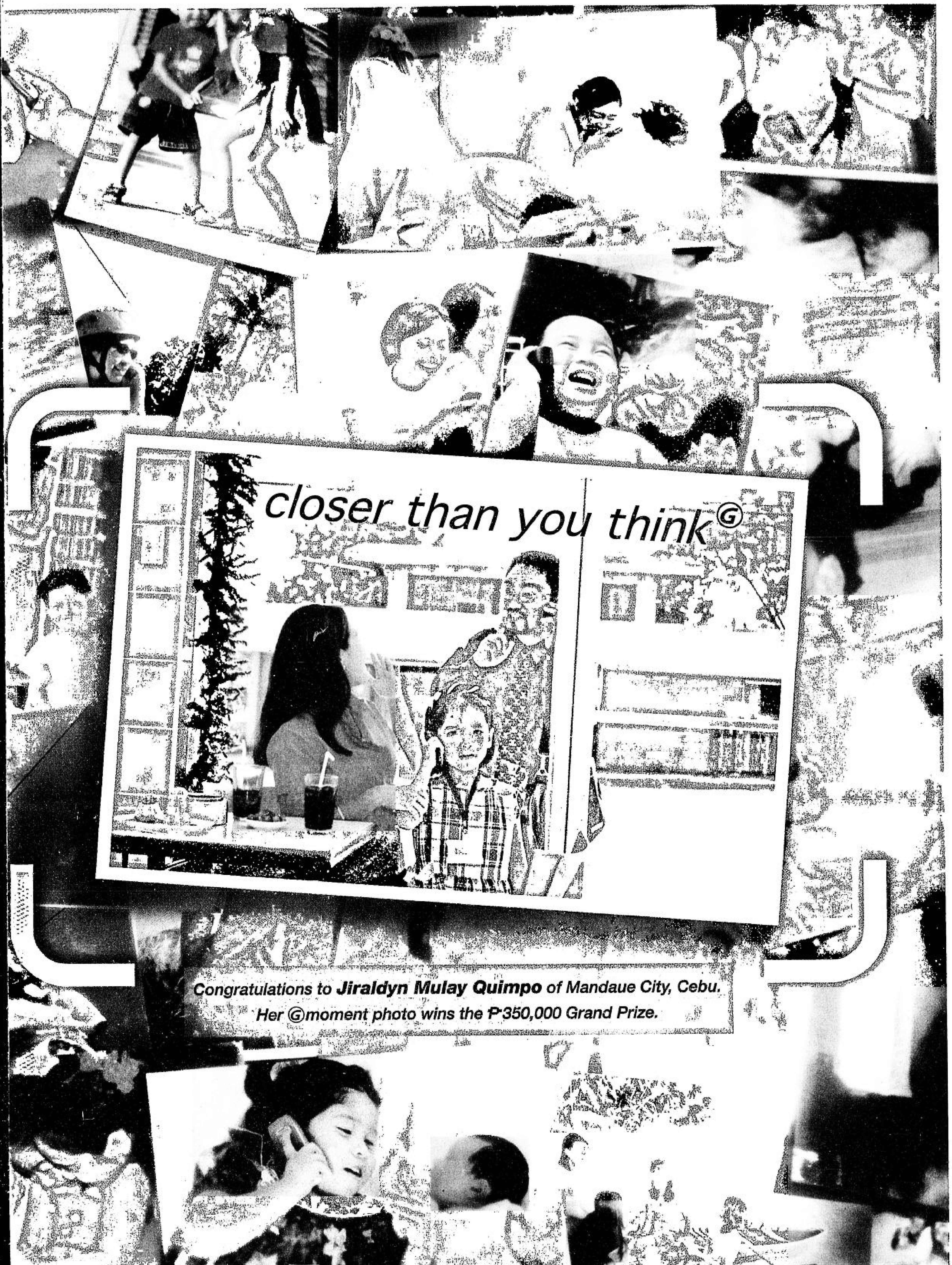
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John Malkovich as film director

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

OUR recent piece on **John Malkovich**'s decision to turn director with "The Dancer Upstairs" has prompted some requests for follow-up information about how the acclaimed star successfully transformed himself into a director as well.

First, an interesting observation. Malkovich's film colleagues weren't surprised when he up and directed "The Dancer Upstairs" because he had already directed plays for the Steppenwolf Theater Company.

Also very indicative was the fact that he had played characters who were film directors in movies like "Beyond the Clouds," **Merhige**'s "Shadow of the Vampire" and **De Oliveira**'s "Vou Para Casa."

More: Malkovich himself reveals that "The Dancer Upstairs" was by no means his first directorial prospect. The first film he was supposed to direct was, in fact, "The Talented Mr. Ripley"—more than 15 years ago!

Next, Malkovich recalls, "I was to direct a film based on an American play titled 'Marie and Bruce' by **Wallace Shawn**, about a wife screaming at her husband for an hour. "We got **Holly Hunter** to play the role, but she quit 10 days before we started shooting, and I couldn't find anybody who was free and nearly as good to replace her.

"Then, I was tapped to do a film called 'The Libertine' based on a play by **Stephen Jeffries**, but that got lost in a shuffle of paperwork and deals. I think it'll come back next year, hopefully with **Johnny Depp**."

Why did he choose to film "The Dancer Upstairs"? "The film is my reflection on the nature of corruption, its meanings and definitions—that impacts strongly on me, and I hope on moviegoers, as well."

What fascinates him about corruption? "Its being so pervasive. In our film, people are corrupted in different ways—by ideology, power, money, poverty and their emotions, and sometimes by all five at the same time. I'm corrupt, life is corrupt—it's not like we get better and better."

And how is he as a director? "I'm very calm, not a huge screamer. I think you embarrass yourself. If you get a good crew and work hard, you'll be fine.

"But I notice that, if things go too slowly, it starts to damage what I can do and I get angry. After I arrive on the set, I want to start shooting, I don't want to goof around and theorize."

Finally, more critical reactions from **Leslie Felperin**, to Malkovich's first film as director: "The specific acts of terror in 'The Dancer Upstairs'—hanging dogs from lamp posts, assassinations carried out by children—ring true in their twisted imaginativeness. The details are sometimes so surreal, one presumes they must be based on fact.

"In all their grimness, the filmmakers even raise a few bitter laughs, making schoolgirls and glamorous models part of the terrorist conspiracy. And Malkovich scrupulously endeavors to show the military committing just as many acts of atrocity, such as slaughtering an entire theater troupe. The politics are pure liberal humanism, decrying the violence on both sides.

"By refraining from all historical specifics, and neither a sentimental nor a patronizing view of the society it portrays, the film is a kind of elegy for all of Latin America's slain."

Clearly, John Malkovich has a very promising future as a film director!

Legrand's Legacy

LOCAL fans of French composer **Michel Legrand** are happy that he's found his signature songbird for the season in **Regine Velasquez**, with whom he's teaming up for a series of Valentine shows at the PICC, plus an album to be recorded in the States. Call 551-8999.

Born in Paris in 1932, Legrand was a child prodigy who entered the prestigious Paris Conservatory when he was only 11 years old. In 1964, he collaborated with film director **Jacques Demy** on "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg," for which he did a unique score: every word of dialogue was sung, recitative-style, to Legrand's music.

Moving to Hollywood in 1968, Legrand won his first Oscar for "The Windmills of Your Mind," for **Norman Jewison**'s movie, "The Thomas Crown Affair." Since then, he's composed a veritable treasure trove of movie themes and love songs that have captivated hearts all over the lovelorn world.

Legrand has collaborated with stars like **Edith Piaf, Miles Davis, Kiri Te Kanawa, Neil Diamond, Jack Jones, Lena Horne** and **Ray Charles**.—Regine is in very good company, indeed!

And the star singers who have recorded Legrand's song include **Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Mathis, Natalie Cole, Shirley Bassey, Liza Minnelli** and **Diana Ross**.—Even better!

Helping actors with the aid of sex

By Remy M. Umerez
Contributor

ENTERTAINING FOR A GOOD CAUSE. Leo Martinez (front, center) leads the cast of the naughty sex-comedy "Mula Sa Pusod (Pababa)."

WHAT CAN be a more potent comeon than sex? Who can resist the lure of half-naked bodies and naughty language, and in this season of love? And who won't want to be entertained for a good cause?

Actor/comedian Leo Martinez is acting in and directing a sex comedy very naughtily called "Mula Sa Pusod (Pababa)" for the benefit of the Actors Workshop Foundation, of which he has been the chair for the past six years.

"The foundation badly needs funding," says Martinez. "We are grateful to Precy Florentino of the Music Museum, who easily agreed to co-produce the show. She has always been very supportive of theater.

"We thought of staging a sex comedy because of the success of the 'Vagina Monologues' at the Music Museum. The ambience of the theater fits our young market who finds hotel lounges stiff and formal. At the Music Museum, they can sit, relax and eat, and its accessibility is a plus factor.

"We chose a light material because we want the audience to have an enjoyable evening laughing. It is sexy enough, not bold. There won't be any undressing on stage, as in frontal nudity. The sexiest will be the female actors in bras and panties and the men in briefs."

"Mula Sa Pusod (Pababa)" is Angela Stuart Santiago's adaptation of Joe Ortons "What the Butler Saw." Many years ago, it was staged under the title "Esterimingoles" with then-struggling actor Cesar Montano playing the role of the bellboy. Newcomer Geoffrey Eigenman, son of Gina and Michael de Mesa, now essays the role, alternating with stage actor Rvee Reyes.

The current cast also includes Toby Alejar and Rez Cortez as Dr. Manibog, Gina Alejar and Anna Marin as Mrs. Alura Manibog, Leo Martinez as Dr. Matalim Isip, Margo Antonio and Cindy Zamora as Rufa May Anonas, and Sonny Alcantara as SPO1 Maligalig.

"Mula sa Pusod" is a sex comedy of terrors set in a psychiatric clinic for the rich and famous. It begins when Dr. Manibog interviews a beautiful but naive young woman applying to be his secretary. Just as he is about to seduce her, his socialite wife arrives and Dr. Manibog hides the applicant. The situation is complicated by a bellboy attempting to blackmail Mrs. Manibog, a government doctor inspecting the clinic for irregularities, and a policeman following up a case that points to the involvement of the characters in the clinic.

Martinez admits it is a lot easier to direct a play than a full-length movie.

"We didn't practice the star system," he says. "We worked as a team to make it beautiful. *Walang nagpapa*-star. My worries are over once a performance has ended.

"You point out what they missed, hoping this will not be repeated in the next performance. You don't coach them to act because we believe in the policy of no-acting-please by Eric Morris."

Martinez recalls he had been responsible for convincing Gina Alajar to try acting on stage. Today, two decades later, he is directing Gina's son, Geoffrey.

The Actors Workshop was organized in 1985 by a group of professionals to train Filipino actors. The professionals behind the workshop include Johnny Delgado, Peque Gallaga, Laurice Guillen, Rudy Fernandez, Dong Puno, Vivian Velez, Martinez and Ronnie Poe Jr.

The foundation survives on the generosity and support of some fellow artists, notably Fernando Poe Jr. and Vilma Santos.

Financial assistance, however, is not regular. The foundation relies on grants, donations and sponsorships by institutions and individuals.

"Can you imagine a movie industry celebrating its 75th year without an acting workshop?" Martinez asks. "It's unthinkable."

Owen Wilson winner by a nose

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to use the title "I Spy."

Asked for her reason in casting the statuesque Famke Janssen ("X-Men" and the James Bond hit "Golden eye") as Wilson's love interest, Thomas quips, "I saw Owen once with a larger woman and I thought it was very funny to see him with a woman who could really . . ."

"Break me in two," Wilson finishes the sentence for her. "Exactly," Thomas chimes. "So I thought of a woman who is strong and so very sexual, like Famke." The stunning Holland-born Janssen, sitting beside Wilson, laughs.

One of the funnier scenes we have seen of late in the cinema involves Wilson trying, with Murphy's assistance, to woo Janssen. Imagine a white guy like Wilson crooning, or what passes for crooning, Marvin Gaye's classic "Sexual Healing."

The 34-year-old actor, who had a relationship with singer Sheryl Crow, reveals, "I don't have the best instinct with movies because when Betty explained to me that scene, I said there's no way that I'm doing the 'Sexual Healing' scene. There's no way I'm going to sing in a movie and dance. I don't think Eddie wanted to sing either, even though he has sung in some movies. Betty had to be like a diplomat to get us to do the scene but it ended up working well."

Nervous

About his character, Wilson says, "In 'Shanghai Noon,' it was Jackie (Chan) who was obviously great in doing the action. I did more of the funny stuff. In this movie, it's Eddie and I doing funny stuff. My character was originally a bit more of a straight man but it changed when I was insecure around Famke. I was tongue-tied around her. I was intimidated by Carlos (Gary Cole's villain character) and that gave my character insecurities that separated me from James Bond. That gave Eddie and me something to play off of."

He elaborates on acting opposite Murphy for the first time: "I was nervous to be working with Eddie. You're always nervous when you get to work with stars like Gene Hackman and Jackie. But I was particularly nervous with Eddie because his movies, like '48 Hours' and 'Beverly Hills Cop,' were huge for my friends and me when we were growing up in Texas. To be there with him doing scenes, it took a couple of days for me to catch my snap and realize how we really should play off each other.

"Eddie is so good in improvising," he continues. "Betty would yell action and Eddie would be 100 yards ahead of me right out of the gate. So I thought, I better get it together here."

The comic rapport extended beyond the set, according to Wilson. "Eddie and I got along. I grew up with an older brother and a younger brother (Andrew and Luke, both actors). Eddie also had an older and a younger brother. There's a certain type of humor that exists between brothers that's slightly mean-spirited or would appear that way to outside people. Eddie and I are really comfortable with that type of humor. In my family, when we were growing up, there was a big emphasis on humor as a way of dealing with stuff."

Outtakes

"Someone was asking me yesterday if there are going to be outtakes for the DVD version," Wilson recounts. "Betty overheard the question and said, 'but I put them all in the movie.'

"Someone was also asking earlier about trying to keep a straight face when you're doing a funny scene and Famke is smiling. I know that I was smiling, too, because it was hard not to. It was a nice time on the set because we were really having fun with each other.

"We did have some spy gadgets, like the contact lens that allow Eddie's character to see what my character was seeing, but what ended up as the most fun was Eddie and I simply hanging from a balloon or sitting in a sewer."

One regrettable result of Wilson's success as an actor is that he no longer has the time to write scripts with Wes Anderson after their quirky, poignant "The Royal Tenenbaums." Noted director-writer James Brooks has described their scripts as "casually literary. If they ever stopped writing them, nothing at all like those scripts would exist."

The blue-eyed actor will next shoot with pal Ben Stiller a big screen version of that popular 1970s TV show, "Starsky and Hutch." Unlike "I Spy," this one will really be a movie adaptation of a TV series, title and all. Wilson and Stiller have appeared together in "Meet the Parents," "The Royal Tenenbaums," "The Cable Guy" and, most memorably, as supermodel rivals in "Zoolander." Who can forget the duo's hilarious catwalk competition in the latter movie?

One thought Wilson won that one by, well, a nose.

NO QUALMS. Newcomer Belinda Bright bares on the big screen in her first starring role, Elwood Perez's "Sshh, She Walks By Night."

Belinda is bent on being a Bright show biz star

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

THE ONSLAUGHT of sexy stars who try to gain a shot at bold stardom doesn't seem to stop.

Now joining the company of **Diana Zubiri, Aubrey Miles, Katya Santos, Maui Taylor, Patricia Javier, Andrea del Rosario** and **Jenny Rosenthal** is newcomer **Belinda Bright**.

The 18-year-old Belinda is being launched to solo stardom by World Arts Cinema in "Sshh, She Walks By Night," which marks **Elwood Perez**'s return to film directing after more than a decade.

Belinda, who is **Marian Deciña** in real life, is a multi-media arts major at De La Salle University's College of Saint Benilde.

Last year, Belinda played a bit part in **Maryo J. de los Reyes**' sex-drama, "Bedtime Stories," which starred **Maricar de Mesa**. It was in that movie where Belinda was spotted by **Jojo Galang**, executive producer of World Arts Cinema who now also acts as her manager.

"After I did 'Bedtime Stories,' the people from World Arts Cinema made me read for the part before Direk Elwood and some film executives," Belinda shares. "When Direk Elwood saw me, he immediately cast me for the lead role in his movie."

In "Sshh, She Walks By Night," Belinda plays a seductive con-artist who marries **Ricky Davao** but falls in love with his son, essayed by **Jay Manalo**.

To prepare herself for the role, Belinda watched Elwood's "Shame," with **Klaudia Zobel**, as well as **Erik Matti**'s "Prosti," starring Aubrey Miles and Jay Manalo.

"Working with Direk Elwood is a privilege for a newcomer like me," Belinda asserts. 'Not every newcomer is given a chance to work with a top-caliber director like him."

Before her show biz salvo, Belinda was a ramp and commercial model, and was also into swimming. However, none of the things she used to do could have prepared her for the daring scenes in her first starring role.

She swims naked in the pool in one scene with Jay Manalo.

"*Ang feeling ko ako si* **Brooke Shields** in 'Blue Lagoon' while we were doing that scene," Belinda says.

She bares her breast and butt in a passionate love scene and admits she didn't have qualms about doing it.

"I was a ramp model and a swimmer, so I'm used to showing skin when I wear a two-piece swimsuit or a sexy dress," Belinda says.

She feels fortunate to enjoy the support of her costars in her solo movie.

"Ricky and Jay are both very good actors," Belinda says. "I have intense love scenes with both of them and it was difficult, but they were very supportive."

Her director also motivated her acting prowess to the hilt.

"Direk Elwood made it easy for me to do the love scenes," Belinda says. "I also learned how to emote even through my eyes, the proper posture and angle, and how to attack a particular scene. He was able to motivate me even off-camera, when it comes to my attitude toward work and how to be professional."

Belinda is grateful for the importance given to her by her home studio in "Sshh, She Walks By Night." She swears she is now having the jitters as the Feb. 19 playdate of the movie draws nearer. But she is really bent on doing everything to assure her ascent to stardom.

"Some people may like me and some may not," Belinda says. "I am ready for that, but I'm willing to do my best and try to please everyone."

Her studies have taken a backseat to her show biz career. She took a leave of absence from school, so she can pursue her dream.

"This is really what I want ever since I was a kid," grants Belinda, who is the eldest in a brood of three children. "I remember acting in front of the mirror and pretending to be a Disney princess. I would wrap a blanket around my waist and imagine it as my gown like Cinderella. Then I'd walk like a princess and recite the lines from the movie. Now that I got

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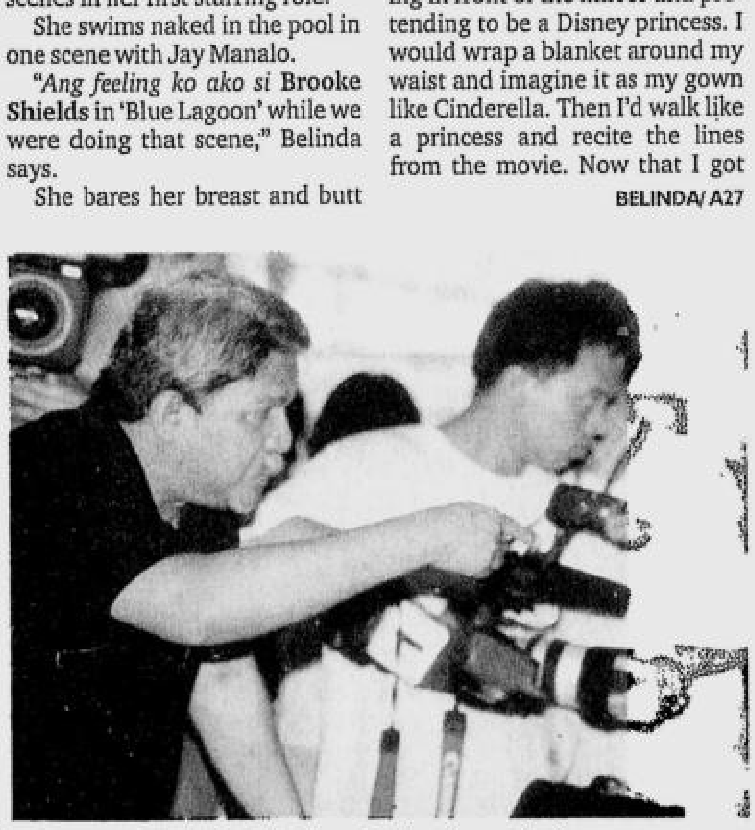

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The comic rapport between him and 'I-Spy' co star Eddie Murphy extended beyond the set, according to Wilson. 'Eddie and I got along like brothers'

PERFECT IMPERFECT. Owen Wilson's writer's sensibility, droll delivery and looks make him one of the more interesting actors of his generation.

Owen Wilson winner by a nose

By Ruben V. Nepales
Contributor

LOS ANGELES—Owen Wilson, following a mysterious trend among young actors to look fashionably disheveled, walks into a hotel ballroom with his shirttail tucked except for the front right part. It could only be deliberate. No guy tucks his shirt and forgets the front right part.

Is this Wilson's attempt at a visual ad lib? This holder of a BA in English degree is noted for his seemingly extemporaneous lines in movies. Viewers have been transfixed by Wilson in his movies, fascinated by his apparently stream-of-consciousness dialogue.

When Wilson is on screen, one wonders what spontaneous nuggets or howlers he is going to spew next.

Here is a sample of Wilson's seeming spur-of-the-moment words to Eddie Murphy's vain boxer character in their action-comedy movie "I Spy": "Can you not refer to yourself in the third person? It's irritating."

Wilson, in a powder blue shirt, black pants and black and silver Nike shoes, looks exactly like he does on screen: from the blonde surfer hair, to the slight build to the nose.

Ah, the nose. A reference to the nose seems to be de rigueur in every story on Wilson. Los Angeles Times even devoted an entire article on the nose and its "cultural significance."

The piece by Hillary Johnson began with these two paragraphs: "The most significant cultural event of the year may well be the rise of actor Wilson's nose. Wilson ('Zoolander,' 'Shanghai Noon' and 'Behind Enemy Lines') is the most recent blond hunk to come out of Hollywood, the same beauty factory that has churned out Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio and Matthew McConaughey, to name but a few. The strange part is that Wilson, while charismatic and sexy, has far more in common with Jimmy Durante than he does with Mel Gibson.

Broken mold

"For Wilson's nose is beyond broken—it's a broken nose as designed by a drunken claymator: a bulbous, dented, twisted lump that sits above his pouty pink lips looking every bit like a golden-brown challah bread. Yes, Owen Wilson appears to have broken the pretty boy mold face first."

Time magazine's Jess Cagle, in his profile on Wilson, couldn't help but begin with a discourse on the nose, too: "The only thing in Hollywood more interesting than Owen Wilson's career may be Owen Wilson's nose. It's a wonder to behold: a twisting, swollen ski slope; a special effect that seems to expand and change angles with the light."

Not to be outdone, Premiere magazine's Christine Spines wrote: "His (Owen's) nose, which remains unfixed after being broken once in the ninth grade and again in a college football accident, is distinctly asymmetrical, with a slightly cubist effect of shifting shape depending on the side from which it's shot. It is the thing that makes women want him and men want to be like him: comfortable with who he is."

Yes, it's true: Wilson's broken nose is his charm, not at all a liability. This imperfection, coupled with his writer's sensibility (he co-wrote the acclaimed films "The Royal Tenenbaums," which won an Oscar nomination for him and Wes Anderson, "Rushmore" and "Bottle Rocket") and droll delivery ("he always sounds as if he has just put down a bong before stepping into camera range" —The New York Times), make him one of the more interesting actors of this generation.

Larger woman

In between sips of Evian, Wilson talks about "I Spy," a comic send-up of the spy genre in that familiar nasal drawl. The 5-foot-11-tall Texan and Eddie Murphy play an international agent and a champion boxer, respectively, who foil an arms dealer's plan for a stolen stealth fighter. If the latest James Bond smash "Die Another Day" has an invisible car, "I Spy" boasts of a plane that can be invisible. Indeed, "I Spy" has more in common with the gadget-filled Bond movies than the '60s Bill Cosby-Robert Culp TV series of the same title.

Director Betty Thomas ("Dr. Dolittle"), present at this press conference, stresses that this is not a film adaptation of that series. She is emphatic that the studio bosses just wanted

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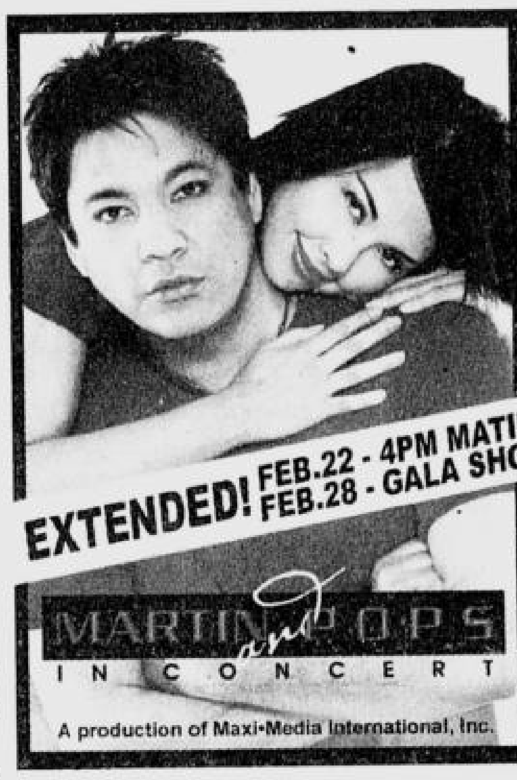

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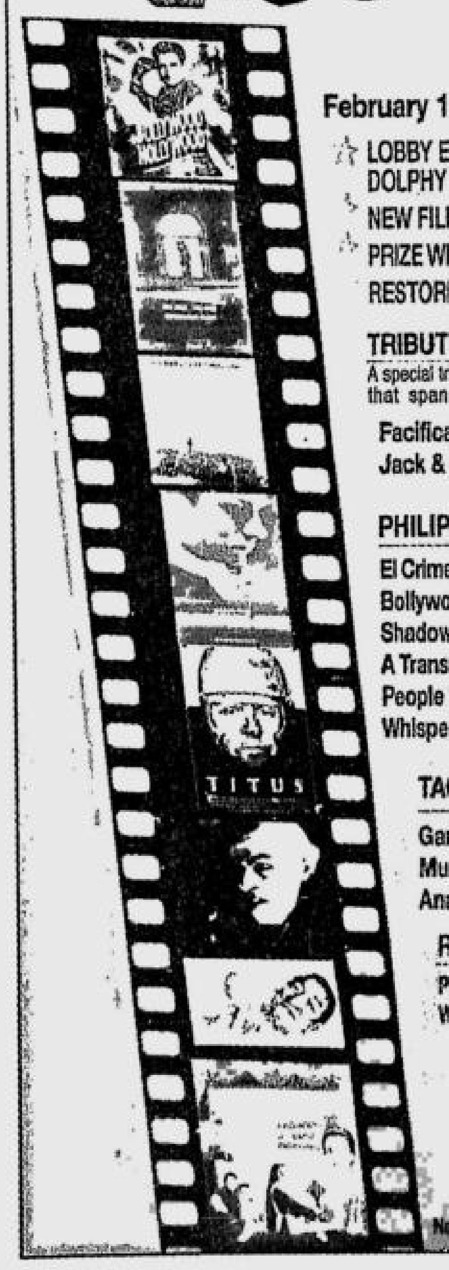

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Sunday BIZ

Business Features Editor **Margie Quimpo-Espino**

₱800 set off lady who did not find work for a year

PAUL and Grace Gupana with the ingredients for ABS.

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

AFTER juggling work and school just to get a diploma, she pounded the pavement for a year trying to look for a job. But as soon as the interviewees saw where she graduated from, they would put her application at the bottom of the pile of applicants.

Down to her last P800, Grace Galindez-Gupana went to Divisoria and bought linen cartolina and art supplies. She locked herself up in her room and made cards using Bible verses.

Within one year she had several outlets in the country, was into exports, earned enough to buy a house and diversify into other businesses. She was rich, she knew it and she acted it.

Grace grew up in a province in the north, the fourth of seven children. Coming from a simple family, the older children's education was given priority.

She wanted to pursue Fine Arts but was dissuaded from it because it was not thought of as a very lucrative profession.

So she took up secretarial management and finished the course in three and a half years despite the fact that she was working as a student assistant and attending her classes at night.

HER bitter herb supplement sold earlier in the United States.

She attended her graduation in 1981 by herself as her parents had a seminar to go to.

As soon as she had her diploma she went to Ayala to look for work. She knocked on office doors for nearly a year. That was when she decided to try out her artistic talents.

Down to her last P800

She created greeting cards and put biblical quotes on it. One cartolina made 16 cards. Her P800 became P2,400 in one month. The cards sold fast and soon she had to hire people to make them. In one year she had two factories churning out the cards and novelty items.

Foreigners who came across her cards would order in bulk. Her products were being distributed abroad.

In 1987 she got married to Paul Gupana, an accountant. Grace and Paul had a lavish wedding reception at the Westin Philippine Plaza. But she continued to manage her business by herself—everything was centralized. She bought a flower shop, and a small dimsum restaurant. Her businesses grew in 10 years.

She admits she was not a very good employer—she treated her people as workers, not part of a family that helped her business grow.

Losing it all

As quickly as she grew her ventures, she lost them even faster.

In 1991 she was hospitalized because of a delicate pregnancy. She gave birth to premature twins and stayed in the hospital for three straight months.

Her hospital bills reached nearly P2 million and she lost all her businesses.

"I called the shots all the time. I did not train anyone to handle the accounts. I treated people as employees," she recalls.

Her management style proved her downfall. One day she went home and saw her cars being towed away by the banks.

She told her husband, "Daddy we're bankrupt. What do we do?"

And her husband's calm reply was, "Finally you ask me what to do."

It was then that Grace realized a lot of things—how badly she had treated her people, even her house help; how wrong she had been to do everything and not trust anyone, even her own husband.

She adds that when she was in the hospital and saw her babies in the incubator, "I reflected on how fragile life is. I realized what I did to my helpers. And that life can be taken so easily. I never gave my husband the opportunity to shine."

She was able to save her house. But it reached a point when there was not even rice to cook. She had cases and estafa charges left and right.

Rising from the rags

But the entrepreneur in her did not give up.

Once more down to her last P800, she went to the market and bought ingredients for a popular Filipino drink—*sago't gulaman*.

She earned almost exactly the same amount she did with her first P800 venture in one day. She sold over P2,000 worth of drinks. She turned the earnings around and bought more ingredients. Soon she added fish balls to her fare. Then *lugaw*.

She was among the vendors constantly running away from the police but who would be back the next day.

From riches to rags, Grace still believed in giving 110-percent effort in what she does. She made her fishball sauce the best and soon customers kept coming back because of it.

At first, however, she would only be nice to the nicely dressed customers. But soon she realized that the simple people—the janitors, the messengers—were her key to the bigger people. So she treated them well and true enough they would buy from her when their bosses would ask them to buy

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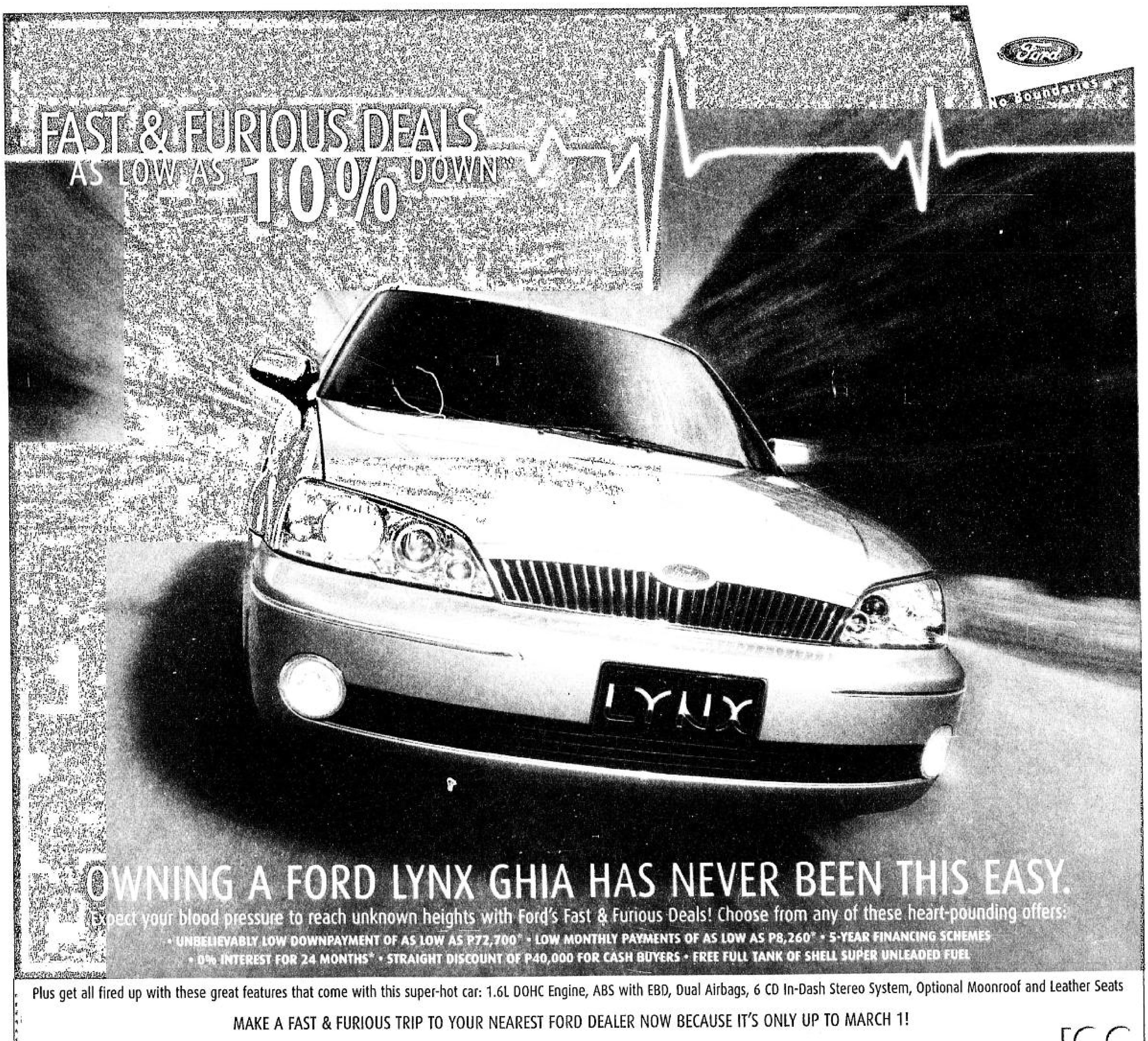

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A chocolate body wrap—how sweet it is!

NEW YORK—That look. That scent. Ah, the allure of chocolate.

We lust after it, can't wait to nibble on it, drink it, dip strawberries in it, debate it (is semisweet superior to milk?) ... and now soak in it.

That's right. And scrub, wrap and blissfully luxuriate in its decadence.

The possibility of a chocolate-filled, yet calorie-free Valentine's Day could move many chocoholics to tears of joy.

Where else but at the birthplace of the Hershey's Kiss could the unimaginable become, dare we say, a reality.

"It's unbelievably cool," Kathleen Frick, public relations manager for Hershey Resorts, said. "It's hysterical the questions we get, like, 'Am I sitting in a bath of melted milk chocolate?' or, 'Is there (chocolate) milk coming out of the shower head?'"

The chocolate spa at The Hotel Hershey in Hershey, Pennsylvania, a replica of founder Milton Hershey's High Point mansion, has been going nonstop since it offered its first aromatic whipped cocoa bath almost two years ago.

"Everybody was very open to it. It's a very traditional, classic spa" whose main clients are women ages 25 to 50, Frick said. But men have also indulged in some of the body treatments that include chocolate bean polish, cocoa massage, chocolate mud hydrotherapy (that uses healing Moor mud), and a chocolate fondue wrap, she added.

"For the whipped cocoa bath, we actually use the real Hershey's cocoa baking powder," Frick said. "We sprinkle that into the tub and you look like you're sitting in a frothy cup of hot cappuccino ... it's fun."

The chocolate-based treatments are available individually or in packages—with scrumptious names like Hershey Hug and Chocolate Escape. Because weekends are booked far in advance, Frick says, calling ahead or going to http://www.hersheyspa.com, is recommended.

But if you can't wait to experience the spa's personal touch, many of the skin products are available for sale and come with "recipes" for at-home indulgences.

Americans spend about $13 billion a year on chocolate, according to a recent survey by the Chocolate Manufacturers Association. "It also revealed the 52 percent of us voted for chocolate as our flavor of choice for dessert and sweet snack."

However, pollsters didn't count on the growing popularity of other uses for chocolate when they asked consumers what their taste buds prefer.

The Spa Association report, compiled by Mintel International Group Ltd., says the day-spa market was worth about $6.8 billion in 2002. The industry has grown steadily in the last few years and the report says revenues increased more than 140 percent between 1997 and 2002.

"It's the whole sensory thing, it just sounded incredible," Linda Sharp, a 36-year-old author and mother of three from Dallas, told Reuters about her reaction to the notion of spending quality time in Hershey's chocolate spa.

"Apparently, there are therapeutic benefits, but if you're thinking decadence and pampering, it's the icing—chocolate icing—on the cake.

"I don't know know how you wouldn't lick it off your body in the middle of the treatment," she laughed. "My first thought was, you must need one heck of a shower! But then I thought they pretty much have perfected it to some level other than literally melting down a bunch of Hershey's kisses and slopping it on top of you!" *Reuters*

Going with the current, and controlling the flow

'Shaping the Adaptive Organization'
By William E. Fulmer
American Management Association, 2002

By Dante M. Velasco

THIS book on rapid change began with the subject of "land speed."

The author points out that Craig Breedlove broke the land speed record with 600 mph on land. How did he do it? "I broke the rules," Breedlove said.

But later in 1983, Breedlove was dislodged from that distinction as the fastest man-machine alive when Richard Noble of England broke the record with a land speed of 650 mph. Noble said of his feat: "It was both exhilarating and frightening."

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Thus the author, Fulmer interestingly describes the times we—and our businesses—are in.

"Due to the speed of change, companies are coping with a new reality—it is an increasingly uncertain and chaotic world." And so you must be prepared to "break the rules." The prospects, however, are frightening.

With that, Fulmer points out that an organization can only survive rapid change if it is an "adaptive organization." How can one adapt? The author volunteers three foundations for such a flexible enterprise—Landscape, Learning and Leadership.

Fulmer devotes the most space to Landscape. He refers to what we traditionally call the "environment." But, since he sticks to the analogy of Life, the author calls the world within which the enterprise exists or moves as Landscape.

The reading of this section of the book is slow, difficult and complex. He quotes evolutionists, biologists, and many other scientists to prove that such a landscape is as complex and as unpredictable as an organism. He uses words as "equilibrium" and "dis-equilibrium" to demonstrate that a business, like an organism, is in a constant state of disequilibrium—yes, flux.

SHAPING THE
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ORGANIZATION
Landscapes, Learning, and Leadership in Volatile Times
WILLIAM E. FULMER

Actually, it is a scholar's way of saying a central truth that we knew much earlier: "You can only be certain about a human being when he is dead. If he is alive, he is unpredictable."

So, where is the author bringing us? He actually builds a case so tight that he has to give up what he learned in his MBA class in the '60s which believed the dictum—"Structure should follow strategy." What that means is: You can only build an organizational or project structure once the strategy has been formulated.

That didn't work, the author says.

So, he now says that "structure follows landscape." Then, he makes this revision: "It is more accurate to say: "Both structure and strategy must adapt to the landscape."

This Landscape has "hills and valleys, with smooth and rugged surfaces"—metaphors for lows and peaks in business, the turbulence, on one hand, and the smooth predictability of the marketplace, on the other.

The author is saying that the enterprise must adapt to the landscape. That is not new, of course. What's new is the extended metaphor between biological life and economic life. Since life is complex enough, business must be, too, he proves.

This is not actually a reassuring thought. But, the life of simplicity is over. It will never be the same.

So, he also underscores the importance of a learning organization. That's not new, too, except that business nowadays must continually learn and re-learn strategies and competitive moves in more frequent intervals.

The author mercifully comes to a crystal clear conclusion that businesses can use.

He says: "Life exists at the edge of chaos. It is near the edge that life is best able to coordinate complex activities and evolve." This sounds familiar. Years ago, Tom Peters said in his "Liberation Management" book, that revolutionaries do not come from the center: they come from the fringes of society.

But, we must credit the author for not using mixed metaphors. He has stuck to Life's analogies. Underscoring an enterprise's preparedness for rapid change, he uses the "water" metaphor.

"Systems too deep into the frozen ordered regime (like solid ice) are too rigid to coordinate the complex sequences of genetic activities necessary for development. If they are too far into the gaseous chaotic regime, they will not be orderly enough." And here's the illuminating statement: "It is the nearly melted state that corresponds to the edge of chaos."

He is telling companies to sit on the edge of their seats, ever prepared for change. So, while the author makes much of evolution and uncontrollable forces, it is a relief that he gives credit to Leadership, the most important (I think) foundation for the adaptive organization.

The innovative leader "must prevail," to paraphrase the author's namesake, William Faulkner, in his speech when he accepted the Nobel Prize.

This central truth boils down to leadership. He proves his point with this quote:

"The guy who invented the first wheel was an idiot. The guy who invented the other three—he was a genius." Bill Gates did not develop the first computer operating system. He made his system widely available.

How to shape an "adaptive organization"? Read and comprehend this slow-read, but well-written book. Somehow, if you miss some technical points, look up Bill Gates and other leaders who serve as role models for leaders who ride "the crest of change." In the final analysis, the leader does not always adapt. In defining moments, he is in command. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

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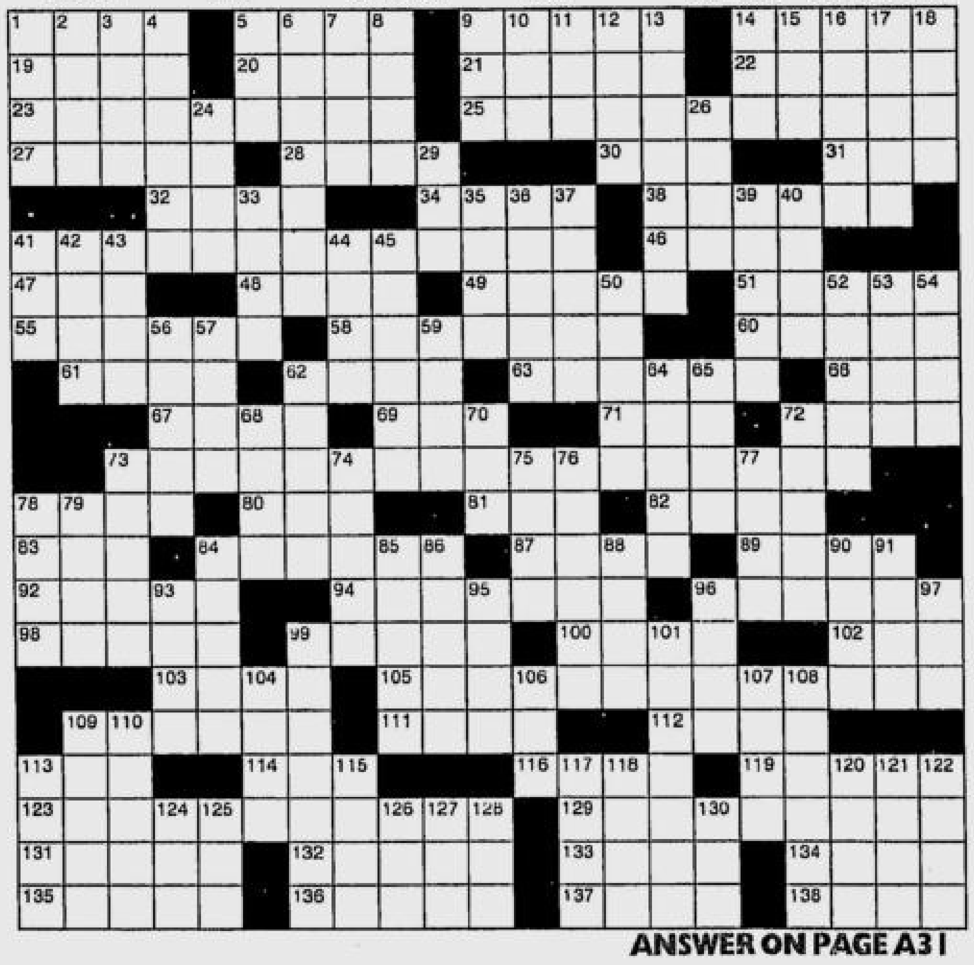

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P800 set off lady

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food. And Grace pampered them—giving them free meals if they buy products worth a certain amount. She liked being good to them.

She became big in her business and would earn some P30,000 a day. There were even days when earnings would reach P60,000 to P70,000 a day.

A born again Christian since the '70s, Grace says she knew the Lord "allowed demotion and promotion." She recalls that she would go to the market at one in the morning so she will not see people she owed money to.

But as fate would have it she still had lessons to learn. One time she met a Chinese businessman she owed money to while in the market. The Chinese asked how she was and she said that she was down to selling food at the city hall. The businessman rebuked her for not being honest—for continually telling his people she would pay her debt when her business was already down. He told her she should have been just honest about her situation. In the end, he still lent her money.

Growing again

Soon she was teaching livelihood programs at the city hall. It was not long before then Quezon City Mayor Ishmael Mathay noticed her and granted her food stall a permit—at that time the only one allowed.

She would teach how to make tocino, longganisa. She shared the secret of her fishball sauce.

How she grew in the simple business she ended up in she attributes to the discovery of a fifth P, prayer, in the traditional four P's of marketing—products, price, promotions and place, and prayer.

She says that before she brought the food to the stall she would pray over it. Every time she did this she sold out.

But every time she forgot, she and her workers would be eating leftovers for a few days.

With the loss of her fortune, she learned to submit to her husband the decision-making. She attributes this to the teachings in the Bible that the blessings for a family are directed to the father first.

She also ended up being a trainor at the Technology and Livelihood Resource Center. She eventually set up a foundation—Nego Filipino Foundation which means Network of Entrepreneur Groups and Organizations (Nego).

Popular hairdresser Ricky Reyes met her and also asked her to help in his livelihood programs in Smokey Mountain. She also had a stint in Mornings sa GMA teaching livelihood.

GRACE with former President Ramos and President Macapagal

In 1998, she went to the United States to look for funding for her foundation. She thought it would be easy but it was not and she ended up spending most of her time giving testimonies about her life to the Christian groups.

Black angel?

But before she went home she met an African-American who asked her to look for some seeds and herbs he wanted as herbal supplements. He gave her procedures on what to do with the seeds and leaves and promised to give her $5,000 for her research.

She worked on it as soon as she went home but after three months the herbalist never communicated with her. She went to the US to look for him but could not find any trace of him.

Meantime there she was with all the seeds and leaves that he told her to find. She did not want to throw it. She felt the Lord had given her those.

So she studied a formulation that used primarily bitter herbs. Grace explains that the rationale for this is that most antibiotics are bitter.

She gave out some of the capsules she made and people would come back to her telling her it made them feel better. Thus ABS or Active Bitter Supplement was born.

She cannot explain how she arrived at the right formulation of ABS. She says the Lord gave it to her and that the African-American was actually an angel.

ABS contains *ampalaya*, king of bitters, *luyang dilaw* (turmeric), *saluyot*, peppermint, *lagundi* and *malunggay*.

She registered with the Bureau of Food and Drugs and got approval in 2001. But since 1998 she was already selling a lot in the US. It was recognized as a diabetes food supplement at the National Produce Expo West in Anaheim, California.

ABS has no approved therapeutic claims, but it is believed to help prevent diabetes, asthma, arthritis.

GUPANA with Ricky Reyes

Grace explains that herbal medicine are more popular in the US and developed countries than in the developing nations.

ABS Herbs only became known in the Philippines when singer Gary Valenciano endorsed the supplement. Grace says Gary had actually been taking the supplement for two years and his insulin requirement went down.

Recently the Philippines recognized ABS Gen Herbs International Corp. with a "Rising Star Citation" at the 2002 Golden Shell Awards of the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions.

Paul and Grace are busy these days opening distribution channels abroad. She says the overseas Filipino workers are her biggest market—30 percent of her production is exported; while the balance is consumed locally. Its biggest outlet is Mercury Drug.

She cites that the market for ABS as a diabetes food supplement is huge with 60 million diabetics in the Middle East and 8 to 12 million in the Philippines.

Couple picks fortune along the beach shores

By Cyrain G. Cabueñas
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PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR—Spectacular shells perpetually litter the fine shores and pristine beaches of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

At a very young age, Victoria "Vicky" Daiz developed the hobby of collecting them.

Realizing that the shells never fail to impress beach enthusiasts, Vicky decided to make a business out of it.

For some 15 years now, Vicky has been managing a family-owned shell craft cottage industry supplying Manila, Ormoc and Cebu.

Daiz Shell Craft specializes in making religious artifacts, chandeliers, mirrors, wall clocks, curtains and other souvenir items out of Guiuan's shells. Logos were recently added to the list.

Two ornate samples of Daiz Shell Craft's handiwork can be found on the façade of the Provincial Capitol in Borongan and the Municipal hall of Guiuan.

"Investing in shells is not for the faint of heart," she says.

Daiz proves this as she quit a modest-paying but stable job to focus on her business. Husband Antonio, a trade school teacher, even followed suit.

They did so at a time when the market was not that good since Guiuan had yet to establish its reputation for producing quality shellcraft products. Guiuan was more known for fishing, which remains its biggest industry, and copra production.

But they believed in the potential of the business so much they went head long into the unknown.

Daiz says she had to use what meager funds she had saved to pay the shell combers and her first employees, which included her children.

"If families go to the beach as a matter of little luxury, we go there as a matter of necessity," she says.

She adds that the business has been, at times, fraught with anxiety.

"Sometimes business is too slow and there is competition," she explains.

The workmanship and design of Daiz Shell Craft's products, however, were hard to ignore and slowly but surely, her risk paid off when she started getting regular customers and steady orders.

Since 1994, Daiz Shellcraft has joined the annual Bahandi festival at the SM Megamall in Manila where big buyers come in search of new products.

Bahandi, a Waray word for treasure, exhibits the handicraft and shellcraft industry of Region VIII and other regions courtesy of the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Science and Technology.

Daiz also regularly attends fairs in Tacloban, Ormoc, Cebu and Manila. It was invited last year to take part in a big fair in Subic that would have meant getting a lot of bulk orders, but the couple declined because it was approaching Christmas.

For the Daizes, family is the priority, not money.

Daiz' company is one of only three that are adept at shell craft in Eastern Samar. It is however the biggest. The other shell craft makers are in San Julian, a town next to the provincial capital of Borongan and in the Eastern Samar State College, which supports students that sell the shell craft during special occasions.

Any regular conch can become a work of art under Vicky's deft touch.

First she checks the quality of the shells. There are many varieties found in Eastern Samar, and these are simply picked off the beaches, washed and then dried.

Depending on the design, the shells are then trimmed, polished and mounted on wooden or clay vases.

Some simple designs can be completed in a matter of minutes while bigger, and more intricate products such as clocks, curtains and chandeliers take more time and effort. For logos, the shells are sometimes pulverized then glued together.

Many of these products have found their way to the big cities as souvenirs and gift items.

However, it is the rare Cypraea Tigris a.k.a. Tiger Cowrie or Golden Cowrie that brings in money to the Daiz family.

Kauri, Hindu for shell, was originally used as currency by the Chinese in the 14th century B.C. and by the Hindus as early as A.D. 900.

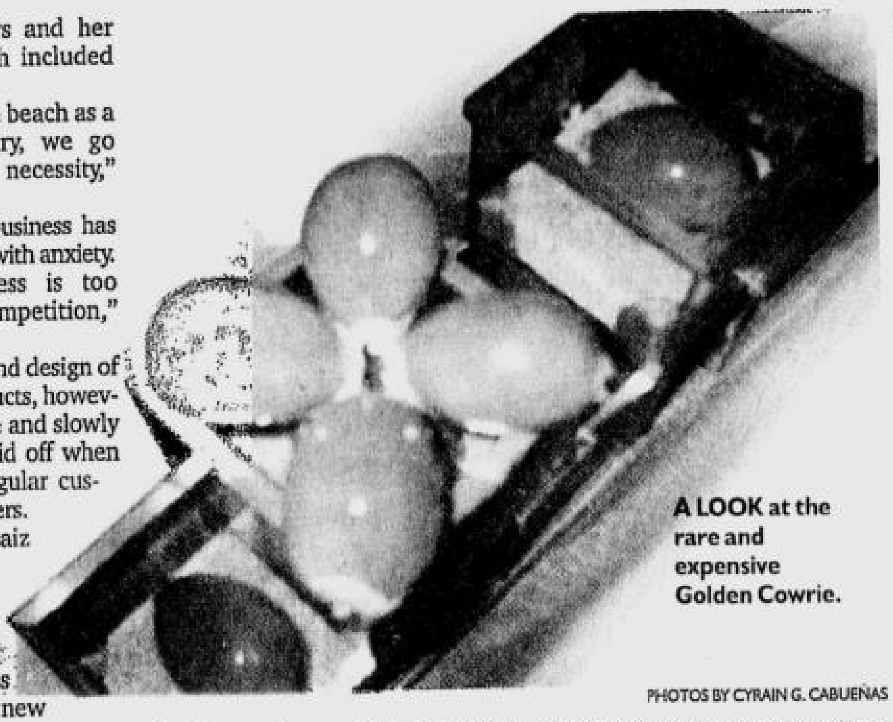
"It's the shell of great price," Vicky says. A Golden Cowrie is priced between P2,000 and P4,000 each depending on the glossiness and perfection.

"Among the takers are the bigwig politicians like Madame Imelda Marcos," she says.

Vicky does not keep her small fortune to herself, however. She shares her blessings with a number of jobless mothers and out-of-school youth who work for her.

She also helps feed the families of poor families along the coastal towns and barangays in Eastern Samar who sell the shells they collect to Daiz.

"It gives me a sense of fulfillment to be able to help out the less fortunate," she says.


A LOOK at the rare and expensive Golden Cowrie.

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DAIZ in her shop in Guiuan.

DAIZ' products have found their way to Manila and Cebu.

Local watch maker gets award

HOW does a watch firm become the best fashion brand? The secret is continuity and consistency. While some other brands change course weekly, Timex has always been like an old friend—trusted and reliable, offering a reasonably priced product.

Timex was recently cited by the National Consumers Affairs Foundation as the Best Wristwatch Brand in the Philippines for 2002. For four years (1993, 1995, 1999, and 2001) Timex earned the seal of approval from Women's Wear Daily as American's Favorite Fashion Brand. The current poll of WWD reveals that Timex is number one on the list for the second time in a row. Sales volume reached $600 million.

Since its inception, Timex has sought to humanize technology by incorporating innovation to address the needs and the changing demands of the times.

From the timepieces of the early '50s that brought inexpensive dependable wristwatches to the general public, the firm continued to produce innovative but affordable pieces.

In 2002, it led the watch industry with the first analog Chronograph illuminated by its patented and unique Indiglo Night-Light technology.

Excellence
TIMEX awarded as top wristwatch brand of the year. Margaret Taylor, Timex business dev't director (3rd from left) and Murli Menon (4th from left) general manager of Newtrends Int'l Corporation (exclusive distributor of Timex watches in the Philippines) accepts the award from NCAF officials Jake Navea, Lolita Mirpuri, Celia Umali and Ameliza Mapago.

FORMER US President George Bush wears the I-control classic watch, the only analog watch with alarm function.

From computers to water . . .

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job. He and his team have to be able to drive home the point that there are processes that have to be followed all the time, no shortcuts, but that they have room to do what they feel they must.

Other philosophies

But there are times when he relied on other philosophies that he learned on his own, and his parents were his first teachers.

This native of Malabon is the eldest of three children born to a public school teacher and an accountant.

"As a teacher, my mother was a disciplinarian and she taught us to be independent. I guess I just learned from example because she was always conscientious and valued work," he says.

And since he worked his way up, he has an idea of what management techniques to employ to bring the best out of people.

"I think I am stiffer on my managers but softer on the people. I also make use of the traditional Filipino value systems because I found it to be very effective," he says.

Barkada system

Aquino, for instance, implemented the "barkada" system in Manila Water wherein the distribution network was broken up into 70 territory teams. Each team is known as a "barkada", which strikes at the heart more than just "team."

If the system before was to centralize everything from meter reading to bill processing in the head office, each "barkada" headed by a "kapatas" or foreman is now empowered to provide customer services from their own offices.

Aquino also cherishes Monday mornings with the Manila Water staff because he gets to spend minutes of quality time with his people when they give him updates on what is happening in their respective areas.

Manila Water also sets aside time for reading the latest books in management or business. All top people are expected to read the book of the week or the month and they sit down to discuss what they learned, and what they could apply.

Aquino himself takes it upon himself to get people to join him and spend a day with him, just to give them a feel of what it is to be in management.

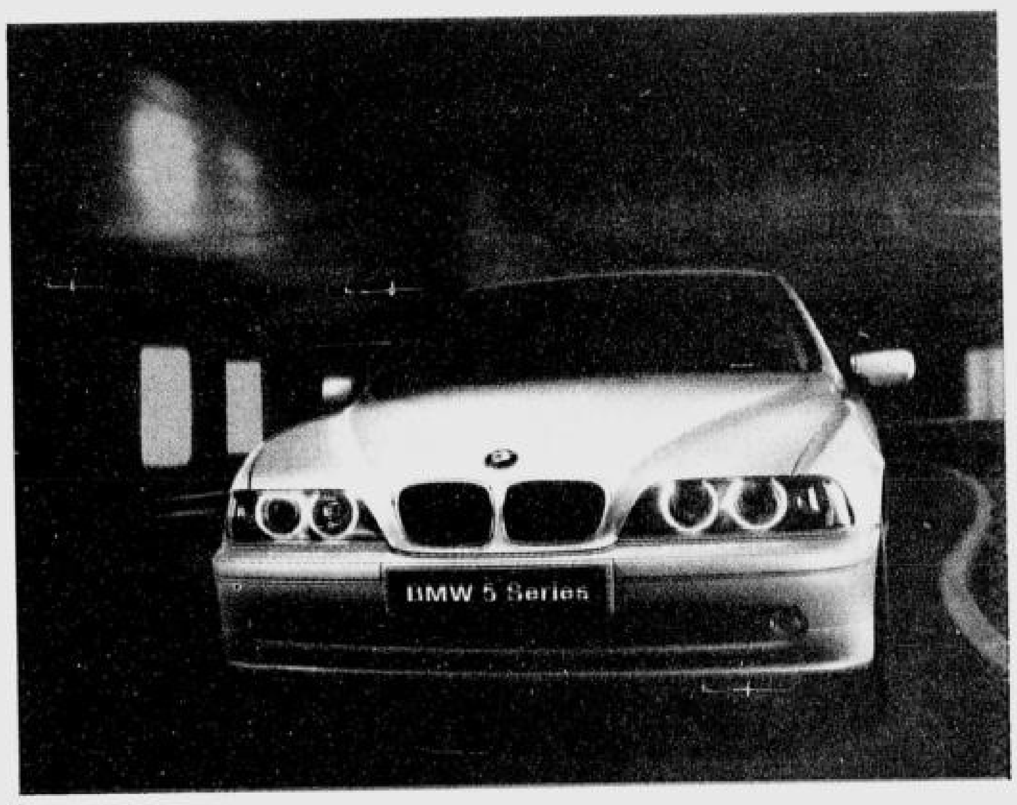
He stresses though that not everything in Manila Water is about Ayala. He says the 60 people hired by Ayala, representing less than 5 percent of the personnel, learned a lot from the former MWSS employees.

"We learned to be more street smart and to adopt a more personal approach to dealing with our customers," he says.

These attributes led to the creation of the Manila Water culture which, Aquino says, enabled the group to meet all of their business objectives for the year despite the challenges.

"I have realized that in these years with MWC that the best Filipino is really down there and that just given the right incentives and environment, people will perform well," he adds.

AQUINO during his first year at IBM



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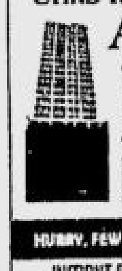

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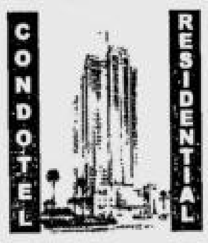

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(PDI-Feb 9, 16, 23, 2003)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE CIRIACO A. URSAIS HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDICIALLY SETTLED PURSUANT TO AN EXTRAJUDICIAL DEED OF SETTLEMENT DULY NOTARIZED BEFORE ATTY. MAILA TAGAY REYES AS PER DOC. 545; PAGE NO. 109; BOOK II; SERIES 2003; NOTARY PUBLIC OF MANILA
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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late TIBURCIO A. MANLANGIT III wsa extrajudicially settled among his heirs as per Doc # 453; Page # 91; Book # CVII Series of 2003 by Notary Public Atty Danilo O. Leyble of Antipolo City.
PDI - Feb. 9, 16 & 23, 2003

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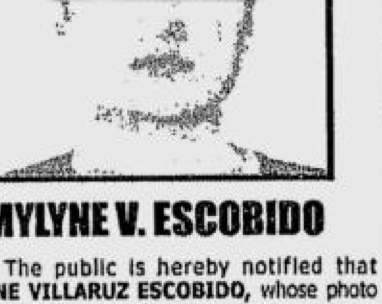

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INVITATION TO BID

The National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce that it will be holding a competitive bidding among all interested foreign rice suppliers and rice suppliers with foreign principals for the supply of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (400,000) metric tons, 10% MOLSO, Long Grain White Rice with an appropriated budget of US Dollars 96.8M, 5% brokens (Well-Milled), 15% brokens (Well-Milled) and 25% brokens (Reasonably Well Milled), of Vietnam, China and Thailand origin only packed in 50 kg net capacity, polypropylene bag.

All interested rice suppliers are required to submit price offers in US PMT, CFR, FO, Cash L/C basis, 1 safe port, 1-2 safe berths, for all the specifications above-mentioned with arrival periods as follows. Otherwise, bids shall be considered non-responsive.

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APRIL 2003	AT LEAST 25%
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JUNE 2003	BALANCE

Volume to be awarded per supplier per month of arrival shall be at BUYER's option but in no case shall aggregate volume of award exceed 300,000 MT for government suppliers with track record of supplying rice to the NFA within the last two years (2001 and 2002) and 20,000 MT for suppliers with no track record with the NFA within the last two years (2001 and 2002).

Vessels to be utilized should have a maximum load capacity of 15,000 MT.

Bidders are required to post a bid bond equivalent to 30% of the value of the offered quantity in the form of Cashier's/Manager's Check issued by a reputable bank located in Metro Manila or stand-by irrevocable L/C callable on demand.

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All government suppliers who have supplied rice to NFA for the last two (2) years are not required to post bid/performance bond.

Certificate of registration issued by the Bid and Awards Committee's (BAC) is required from all prospective bidders. List of registration and eligibility requirements maybe secured with the BAC – Secretariat, 5th Flr., Matimyas Bldg., National Food Authority, Quezon City starting February 17, 2003. Schedule of pre-bidding and bidding conferences shall be on March 03, and 12, 2003, 2:00 PM, respectively at the NFA Penthouse Canteen. Opening of bids will start exactly at 2:00 PM

Terms of Reference and bid documents will be available starting February 17, 2003 after payment of a non-refundable fee of PHP 5,000.00.

Countertrade shall be a mandatory component of the bidding. Failure by the offeror during the bidding to submit the duly accomplished Countertrade Undertaking and Countertrade Program Proposal shall entitle NFA to reject the offerors' bid for rice supply without liability on the part of NFA.

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any required formalities or defects found therein and may accept bid/s most advantageous to the Agency.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP**
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ADS Coordinator
MCPO Box 1064
Makati City 1266

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  - Medical Microbiology
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- Clinical Medicine
  - Child Health
  - Family Medicine
  - Medical Oncology
  - Obstetrics-Gynecology
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- Epidemiology
  - Public Health
  - Clinical Epidemiology
- Hospital Pharmacy
- Industrial Pharmacy
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- Pharmacy
- Physiology
- Public Health
  - Biostatistics
  - Environmental Health
  - Medical Microbiology
  - Medical Parasitology
  - Nutrition

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  - Adult Health Nursing
  - Community Health Nursing
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  - Health Social Science
  - Health Sciences

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- Management
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- Medical Oncology
- Occupational Health
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  - Regular time
- Orthopaedics
- Public Health
  - Biostatistics
  - Dental Public Health
  - Environmental Health
  - Epidemiology
  - Health Policy Administration
  - Health Promotion Education
  - Medical Microbiology
  - Medical Parasitology
  - Nutrition
- Occupational Health
- Rehabilitation Science
- Rehabilitation Science (Speech Pathology)

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- Health Professions Education
- Hospital Administration
- Basic Course in Health Professions Education

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

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  - Child Health
  - Family Medicine
  - Obstetrics-Gynecology
- Clinical Epidemiology
- Physiology

Applicants must have good scholastic records from any recognized institution of higher learning, at least 1 year working experience in the related field, and duly accomplish the application form together with the following: original copy of TOR, 2 letters of reference (forms provided), receipt of payment, certified true copy of diploma, birth certificate, marriage certificate, and 4 passport size photos. Deadline for application is on April 4, 2003. For flyers, forms and other details, please contact us at 523-1495/98. We are located at the 3/F Old NEDA Bldg., Faura cor. Ma. Orosa, Ermita, Manila (in front of Robinson's Place Manila).

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(PDI – Feb. 16, 2003)

ANG BAGONG LAHING FILIPINO DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Sec. Registration No. A 200200833-2002
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Republic of the Philippines
ANG BAGONG LAHING FILIPINO DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.,
S.E.C. Registry No. A2002-00833 2002
Makati City, Philippines

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE-NAMED FOUNDATION, HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2003 AT 1:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON AT FOUNDATION OFFICE, MAKATI CITY.

LAND FOR THE LANDLESS HOME FOR THE HOMELESS

RESOLUTION NO. 01

Series of 2003

SUBJECT : **A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO IMMEDIATELY ABOLISH LAND REGISTRATION ADMINISTRATION AND THEREBY CREATING A NEW BODY, WHICH WILL FORMULATE NEW IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES TO LAND POLICY BY VIRTUE OF JUDICIARY LAND TITLES AND DEEDS AS PROMULGATED BY THE SUPREME COURT EN BANC DECISION DATED DECEMBER 18, 1996.**

WHEREAS, since time immemorial the dilemma on land problem ownership in the Philippines is apparently anomalous and complicated due to usurpation of real rights property ownership or landgrabbing, overlapping, duplicity of land titles and deeds or double sales, squatting syndicates, manipulations and speculations of unscrupulous elements in the acquisition of judiciary registration decree on real properties, **Original Survey Plan II-4509**, conducted on **March 23-27, September 8-1, April 9-12 and June 3-24, 1910. On October 23, 1911**; Registered under **Torrens System.** Promulgated on **December 18, 1996** and became **FINAL AND EXECUTORY Decision of the Supreme Court**, a better title than said foundation really and lawfully has causing-unabated social unrest, in connivance with the Land Registration Authorities Offices concerned jurisdiction and other branches authorities of the government. (Gustilo vs. Maravilla 48 Phil. 442; Angelo vs. Director of Lands 49 Phil. 838).

WHEREAS, these prevalent problems, injustices, corruptions, usurpations and other venalities perpetrated on land registration decree ownership will still go on-until and unless the present set-up of land registration is put to stop once and for all;

WHEREAS, the House of the Senate and the House of the Representatives must be convened through its Bicameral Committee in order to come up with an enabling law settling the disputes on land registration decree ownership;

WHEREAS, in a Final and Executory decision of the Supreme Court en banc promulgated on **December 18, 1996,** recorded in **Government Report (GR) No. 103727** and **Government Report (GR) No. 106496** impliedly and equivocally pronounced that all real properties throughout the country, acquired by public or private entities or any individual as well, must be registered under the Land Registration decree system;

WHEREAS, it is already a public knowledge that 01-4 and 41-36 otherwise known as SPANISH TITLE had been declared invalidated or Null and Void per **Presidential Decree No. 892** or **Republic Act No. 3344,** *Section 194* of the Revised Civil Code of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the rationale of this resolution is not to harass, blackmail, confiscate or disturb real properties already acquired through judicial decree system and in good faith and therefore the scheme is: **"AS IS WHERE IS"** which means that all properties already occupied, settled and developed are necessarily not adversely affected;

WHEREAS, "ANG BAGONG LAHING FILIPINO DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED", is the real and absolute owner under the Land Registration Act as well as the Cadastral Act protect only the holder of a title in good faith and does not permit its provisions to be used as a shield for the commission of fraud, or that one should enrich himself at the expense of another; a better title than he really and lawfully has to adheres in the principle of equitable distribution of wealth underlying its **VISION-MISSION,** hence, in full support of the government's **STRONG REPUBLIC,** economic stability, and to unite the people at-large in line with the mandated: **HIGIT SA LAHAT ANG TAO-LAND FOR THE LANDLESS, HOME FOR THE HOMELESS;**

NOW THEREFORE, on motion by **Brother ABUNDIO (JIM) FERRER,** and duly seconded by the august body, be it

RESOLVE, as it is hereby resolved, to enact this resolution that we the **Regional Directors/Directress, Provincial and Municipal/City Coordinators** including the ***Twenty Five (25) Million bonafide members*** of the above-named foundation, strongly urged the House of the Senate and the House of the Representatives to abolish early as possible, Land Registration Administration;

RESOLVE FURTHER, "ANG BAGONG LAHING FILIPINO DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED" be recognized by the National Government because it is believed that **"FULL ECONOMIC RECOVERY"** can be achieved and this nation can be great once more;

RESOLVE FINALLY, requesting **Brother Jim Ferrer,** *National Media Coordinator* and **ANDREW GONZALES,** *District Director* with other concerned officer on legal matters with appropriated forwarding this resolution to the Honorable House of the Senate and Honorable House of the Representatives most favored assistance, valued consideration and prompt action upon receipt hereof.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution

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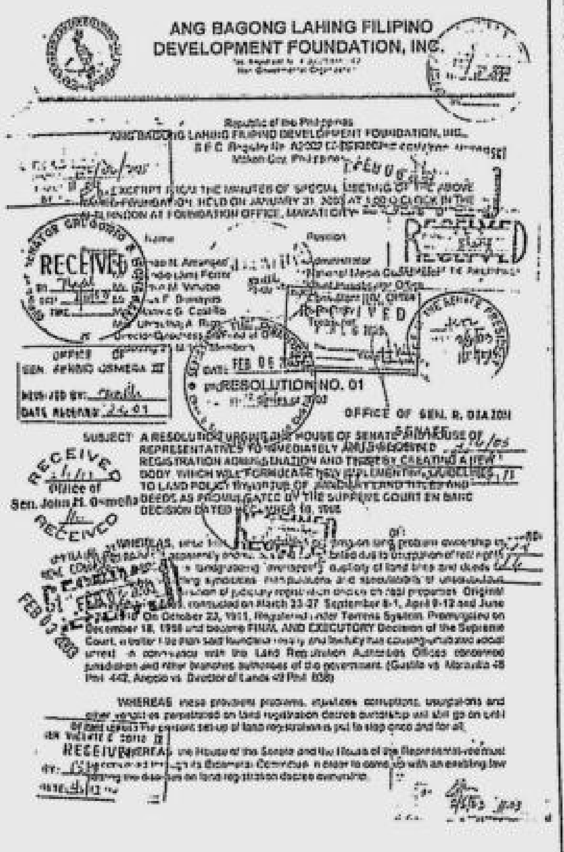
PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given to all concerned people of the Philippines, especially the underprivileged bonafide members; **MAY BIYAYA IPAMAHAGI "ANG BAGONG LAHING FILIPINO DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.",** by virtue of the **FINAL AND EXECUTORY** en banc Supreme Court Decision, Promulgated **December 18, 1996,** both parties concerned, **FIRST PARTY,** Chairman of said Foundation with **S.E.C. Registry No. A2002-00833 2002,** and place of business at Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines; **SECOND PARTY,** National Project Engineer, **Charlie O. Carabaña** as per **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** executed before **Notary Public, Atty. Alfonso L. Santos** entered in his Notarial **Registry Doc. Nos. 56 & 84; Page Nos. 13 & 18; Book No. I; series of 2003** in conformity and endorsed by the Regional Directors/Directress, Provincial, City/ Municipal, District and Barangay Coordinators and agreed by the **Twenty Five Million (25) members-signatories,** Filipino family people of the Philippines to subdivide the entitled subject lands through **FOUNDATION VISSION-MISSION** toward this end, we are giving areas reasonable to them, **LAND FOR THE LANDLESS AND HOME FOR THE HOMELESS.**

CHARLIE O. CARABAÑA
National Project Engineer

ALVIN ALMIRANTE G. BERSALES
Chairman-President

RESOLUTION NO. 01, Series of 2003, Copies received by 24 Senators and Congressmen and other Government Agencies concerned.



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OFFICE OF SEN. AHNNO OSMEÑA III

RESOLUTION NO. 01

OFFICE OF SEN. R. BIAZON

SUBJECT A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO IMMEDIATELY ABOLISH LAND REGISTRATION ADMINISTRATION AND THEREBY CREATING A NEW BODY, WHICH WILL FORMULATE NEW IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES TO LAND POLICY BY VIRTUE OF JUDICIARY LAND TITLES AND DEEDS AS PROMULGATED BY THE SUPREME COURT EN BANC DECISION DATED DECEMBER 18, 1996

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City of Malolos

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Intended opening of a pre-bar review class at Malolos to save you from city traffic and unnecessary inconvenience. Interested law graduates please contact tel. nos. (044) 662-0476 or (044) 791-6398 on or before February 28, 2003 for early assessment. Topnotch reviewers have signified willingness.
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(Sgd.) **CA JUSTICE JOSE C. DE LA RAMA (Ret.)**
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(PDI - Feb. 16 & 21, 2003)

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INVITATION FOR ACCREDITATION AND INTENT TO BID FOR LBRDC PROJECTS

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1598 M. H. Del Pilar St., cor. Quintos St.
Malate, Manila

For further details please call Jerry Milton D. Minguillan/Allan G. Redondo at 405-7169 or 405-7402.

(Sgd.) **BUENO B. CASTILLO**
President and General Manager

(PDI--Feb. 3, 16 & 28, 2003)

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Abelardo Samonte Hall (Administration Bldg.),
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OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE ON BIDS AND AWARDS (INFRANSTRUCTURE)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Sealed bids for the furnishing of labor and materials for the **CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING BUILDING (COMPLETION OF LECTURE HALL), PHASE II, PILI DRIVE, UPLB, COLLEGE, LAGUNA** will be received at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development (OVCPD), Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna not later than **9:00 A.M., April 8, 2003,** at which place, time and date said bids will be publicly opened.

Interested bidders who wish to prequalify may obtain prequalification statement forms (PRE-C) at the Campus Planning and Development Office (CPDO), College, Laguna, from **February 17, 2003** to **February 21, 2003** and should submit the same not later than **February 28, 2003** to the CPDO, UPLB, College, Laguna. It is mandatory that the contractor presents the original copy (with a photocopy) of the current PCAB Contractor's License with the integrated Certificate of Registration and Classification of Contractors for Government Infrastructure Projects for authentication.

The application for eligibility is open to all local Filipino contractors who are registered, categorized and classified by PCAB as contractors for government infrastructure projects with Size Range (Category) and Kind of Project (Classification) as **Medium A - Building (Minimum Category).**

Proposal forms and other related documents are available for issuance to qualified bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS ONLY (P2,500.00)** per set of documents from **March 17, 2003** to **March 21, 2003** at the CPDO, UPLB, College, Laguna.

Site inspection will be conducted at 8:30 a.m. and pre-bidding conference will be held at **9:30 a.m. on March 25, 2003** at the OVCPD, Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna. (The scheduled site inspection shall be strictly followed).

All particulars relative to prequalification, bid security, performance security, pre-bid conference, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of PD 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations as amended on May 24 and July 05, 2000, and Executive Order No. 40, Series of 2001 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and other applicable rules and regulations.

The U.P. Los Baños reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received and to accept such bids as may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the University.

(Sgd.) **CASIANO S. ABRIGO, JR.**
Vice Chancellor
and Chair

(PDI--Feb. 16, 2003)

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Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
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Tel. Nos. 372-50-57 * 372-50-42
Fax Nos. 372-50-48 * 372-50-61

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND BID

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR) invites qualified bidders/suppliers to participate in the bidding of the following items not later than 2:00 PM on February 27, 2003.

ITEM/S TO BID:

110	**units**	**Marine Handheld Radios**
26	**rls**	**PP Rope 20 mm x 660 m/rl**
200	**mtrs**	**Steel Cable Hemp Center**

Bid form together with complete specifications may be obtained from Property Section.

Interested bidders are required to submit the following requirements upon securing bidding forms: Photo copies of Business License, Certification Registration/DTI, latest audited Financial Statement, latest Income Tax Return (Original copies to shown for authentication purposes).

Only authorized dealers/suppliers of communication equipment shall participate in the bidding for the 110 units Handheld Radios. Participating bidders should secure a Certification from the National Telecommunications Commission (Radio Regulation and Licensing Department) stating that the dealer/supplier is accredited/authorized by NTC to secure permit for the purchase of 110 units radio communication equipment for the BFAR. Said Certification shall be notarized and attached to the bid form in the sealed envelope to be submitted during the Bidding. Absence of this Certification shall automatically disqualify the bidder.

This Office reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal as evaluated by the PBAC is the most advantageous to the government. The PBAC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, or does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **MALCOLM I. SARMIENTO, JR.**
Director

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MARIO Y. CARANDANG

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Philadelphia and Los Baños, Laguna

Peacefully joined his Creator
on February 7, 2003 in Los Angeles, California

We will miss you – Husband, Daddy, Lolo, Brother, Friend

From your wife **TESSIE**

Children, grandchildren and in-laws

Marites & **Nonong Cayton, Pops, JT**, and **EJ; Boy** & **Fe, Perry, Fely, Pearly**, and **Felix; Bebeth** & **Celso Gregorio, Kyrie, Kyrbi**, and **Kylle; Francis** & **Shirley Ann, Pixie**, and **Ryjll; Jojo**; and **Antonette**

Brothers, Sisters, and in-laws

Emen Lasala, Letty & **Ninoy dela Rosa, Rosie** & **Mat Perez, Napo, Julieta Cansino, Fr. Amado, Dante** & **Carmen; Lola Maring Rabago, Rogel Rabago, Annie** & **Ric Juare, Kalahi Rabago**; Nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, and all other relatives

His remains lie in state at 10070 Mt. Pulog, Umali Subdivision, Los Baños, Laguna

Interment will be at the Mt. Makiling Memorial Park, Los Baños, Laguna on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 after the Mass at 1:00 p.m. at St. Therese Chapel, University of the Philippines at Los Baños.

There is no death - the sun sets to rise again on the opposite shore...
Please pray for the eternal peace of his soul.

ISIDRO MONTERO MIRASOL

Of Binalbagan, Negros Occidental
Former Member, Sangguniang Bayan

Peacefully joined our Lord
on February 13, 2003 at the age of 76.

His loving wife **Monina**; children **Ric** & **Lisa, Oscar** (†) & **Odette, Patrick** & **Mina, Gil** & **Lorna, Cynthia** & **Junior, Sandra** & **Frank, Ariel** & **Nening, Tony Boy** & **Venus** and **Alan**; grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on Monday, February 17, 2003 after the 2:30 p.m. Mass at San Isidro Labrador Parish Church, Binalbagan, Negros Occidental.

For your prayers, Mass cards, words of sympathy
and condolence –
For being with us in the nightly vigils and hours of grief –
We thank you. From the family of the late

ISMAEL ORENDAIN RAMOS

who has joined our Creator on January 23, 2003.

His remains have been interred at the
Garden of the Risen Christ, Magallanes Village.
Antonio Henson Ramos (†)
and **Lily M. Orendain** (parents)
Elisa and **Marites** (sisters)
Mary Elizabeth Nave (niece)

PERSEVERANDA P. TIOTUYCO

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord
on February 14, 2003 at the age of 89
after a full and meaningful life.

She is survived by her children **Eduardo, Gonzalo, Tix** and **Reina** and their spouses **Baby, Cynthia** and **Len.**

Her remains lie in state at St. Peter's Memorial Chapel, Chapel C, 296 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina, will be on February 18, 2003 after a Mass at 9:00 in the morning.

For the needs of your departed Loved Ones, the following establishments can help you.

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Tels. (0785) 522-3451; 522-2128; (0917) 434-9976
CEBU ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC.
Cebu Branch: A.S. Fortuna Street, Banilad, Mandaue City, Cebu; Tels. 346-2543; 346-2601
COSMOPOLITAN FUNERAL HOMES, INC.
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Camus Ext. cor. J. Abad Santos, Davao City; Tels. (082) 227-1201; 227-1258
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DALLUAY MEMORIAL SERVICES
#42 Upper Kalaklan, Olongapo City
Tels. (047) 222-3605; (047) 811-1086; (047) 222-4512; (047) 224-2014
DON BOSCO CHAPELS
Pasay Road, Makati City; Tel. 894-5932 to 34
DULCE MEMORIAL SERVICES
Jose Abad Santos Ave. cor. Dinalupihan St., Manuguit, Manila
Tels. 712-5102; 741-5125; 741-5133; Fax No. 711-3064
FLORESCO FUNERAL HOME
219 Gen. Luna St., Concepcion, Malabon, Metro Manila; Tels. 2812963; 2813034; 2810522
FUNERARIA PANGILINAN
Santo Entierro cor. P. Burgos St., Lourdes Sur, Angeles City
Tels. (045) 888-2959 ; (045) 322-5247
PAKET SANTIAGO MEMORIAL HOMES
13 V. Gomez St., San Roque, Marikina City; Tels. 646-1725; 646-1730
FUNERARIA ANGEL QUIOGUE
No. 67 Pasig Boulevard Extension, Pasig City; Tels. 641-7909; 641-1735
M. Almeda St., Pateros, Metro Manila; Tels. 642-3010; 633-3602
FUNERARIA FILIPINAS
187 Real St., Zapote Alabang, Las Piñas; Tels. 873-0507; 873-0024
FUNERARIA FILIPINAS
865 J.P. Rizal St., Poblacion, Makati City; Tels. 890-3556; 899-8191
FUNERARIA TUASON
Poblacion, San Miguel, Bulacan 3011; Tels. (044) 764-0281; 678-0266; (0917) 895-0603
FUNERARIA SAMSON
145 Bayan Luma, Imus, Cavite; Tels. (046) 471-3375; 471-2675
GARDEN OF MEMORIES MEMORIAL PARK
Calsadang Bago, Pateros, Metro Manila; Tels. 642-6181 to 82
HERITAGE PARK
Bayani Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila
Tels. (DL) 845-2341 to 42; (TL) 845-2334 to 38 loc. 110/112
HOLY GARDENS MEMORIAL PARK
Third Level, Unishoppe Complex, Quezon Ave., Angono, Rizal; Tels. 651-1711; 651-0737
HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL CHAPELS
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LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
1501 C.M. Recto Ave. cor. T. Mapua, Manila; Tels. 711-6931 to 35; 732-4795; 732-2827
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143 G. Araneta Ave. cor. Kaliraya St., Quezon City; Tels. 749-3806 to 11; 712-3001; 743-6502 or 05
LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
Dr. A. Santos Ave., Sucat, Parañaque; Tels. 820-1592; 825-9947; 825-8635
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LOYOLA MEMORIAL CHAPELS
EDSA cor. Bernardino St., Guadalupe, Makati City; Tels. 895-1011 to 19
LOYOLA MEMORIAL PARK CHAPELS & CREMATORY SERVICES
Loyola Memorial Park, A. Bonifacio Avenue, Tañong, Marikina City
Tels. 941-3196 to 98; 941-3676; Telefax 941-3577
MARIAN MEMORIAL CHAPELS
Marcos Hiway, Antipolo, Rizal; Tels. 645-1855; 682-0209; 682-0210
MARCELO FUNERAL HOMES
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MT. SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL
Arellano St., Dagupan City [illegible] (075) 515-5860 522-8783; (0917) 520-5001
NACIONAL MEMORIAL HOMES
264 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City; Tels. 713-5231 to 35; 714-0867; 714-0868
OUR LADY OF PEACE MEMORIAL PARK
[illegible] & SERVICES, INC.
No. 6 Carigma St., Antipolo [illegible] 6782; 697-0026; 650-7426; Fax : 697-2764
[illegible] MEMORIAL CHAPELS, INC.
214 Riza[illegible] Manila; Tel. Nos. 254-0867, 254-0839
ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC.
Ground Flr. Rolling Hills Chapel, 27th-Lacson St., Mandalagan, Bacolod City; Tel. 433-7132
RIZAL FUNERAL HOMES
[illegible] Cemenina St., Pasay City; Tels. 831-1204
Su[illegible] Branch. 8187 Dr. A. Santos Ave., Sucat, Parañaque City
Tels. 826-1376; 826-9682; (0915) 712-1220
SANTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO PARISH
Forbes Park, Makati City; Tel. Nos. 843-8838/30, Fax No. 843-9223
SANTUARIO DE SAN JOSE PARISH
East Greenhills, Mandaluyong City; Telefax 724-4139; 725-2044
ST. ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGOURI PARISH
Magallanes Village, Makati City; Tels. 852-8228; 852-7264
ST. MARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL
16-16 G. Tuazon cor. Loreto St., Sampaloc, Manila; Tels. 749-3679; 781-1772
ST. PETER FUNERAL HOMES
296 Quezon Ave., Quezon City; Tels. 372-5084; 410-9286/87
VERONICA MEMORIAL HOMES
Official NBI Morgue 517-A Arnaiz St., Pasay City; Tels. 831-3797, 844-7846; 843-1801; 845-4836
WELINGTON FUNERAL SERVICES
1611 Gen. Luna St., Paco, Manila; Tels. 522-8846; 522-9438; 400-5394

"One thing
I ask of the Lord;
this I seek: to dwell
in the Lord's
house all the days
of my life..."

Psalm 27:4

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INQUIRER OBITUARIES

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
❶ Copy of Death Certificate
❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT MESSAGE OF THANKS DEATH ANNIVERSARY REQUIEMS FREE OBIT DESIGN

In Loving Memory

On the First Death Anniversary of

Brig. Gen. Elias G. Lavadia (Ret.)

who peacefully joined his Creator on February 16, 2002

His loving wife **Amada Cruz Lavadia**; children **Sylvia** and **Jimmy Javier, Tocy** and **Wayne Friend, Ramon** and loved ones request relatives and friends to join them in praying for the repose of his soul.

Holy Masses will be offered at:

St. Andrews Apostle Parish Church .... 10:30 A.M.
Santuario de San Antonio Parish Church .... 12:00 NN
National Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish Church ...... 5:00 P.M.
St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Parish Church .... 6:00 P.M.

MANUEL MANRIQUE VASQUEZ

of Boac and Sta. Cruz, Marinduque
Died on February 14, 2003
at the age of 79.

His loving wife ROSING; children DR. CYNTHIA & JUANCHO, VAN & TESSIE, MANNY JR., SOC & MERLY, MABETH & DR. NOLI, MARY ANN & PETER; sisters REMEDIOS, BASILISA, SOLEDAD, ROSITA (†) and NILDA; brothers JUSTO (†) and FRANCISCO (†); in-laws, nephews & nieces, grandchildren request the readers to pray for the repose of his soul.

His body lies at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City. His remains will be transferred to Sta. Cruz, Marinduque on Monday, February 17, 2003.

Interment will be announced later.

Níeves R. García

of Gapan, Nueva Ecija & Los Angeles, California
August 5, 1916 - February 8, 2003

Wife to **Cenon**, Mamang to **Chuchi** and **Noel** (†) **Lim, Linda** & **Bert Ortiz, Baby R. Garcia, Ellen** & **Lino Panapanaan, Lulu** & **Ramon Rosario**; Mommy to **Iza** & **Peter Tuazon, Ro-An, Trina, Mark Joseph** (†), **Enya** (†), **AJ, Kai, RJ, Ian**, and **Bea**; Ate to **Junior** and **Lina Cuizon**, Ate Ebeng to **Lina** and **Narda.**

Her remains will arrive on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 and will be brought to Our Lady of Beautiful Love Parish, Merville Park Subdivision, Parañaque City. Interment will be on Friday, February 21, 2003 at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City after the 9 AM Mass.

A loving wife and companion, a caring mother, a friend. She will forever be missed and lovingly remembered.

Elvira Bocobo de Castro

Born September 28, 1913
Peacefully rejoined her Creator
on February 8, 2003.

She was the loving wife, companion for life,
and soul mate
of our beloved uncle,
Ambassador Tomas de Castro (†)

She was the eldest daughter of our revered **Lolo**,
the late **Dr. Jorge Bocobo** (†),
and our beauteous **Lola Itchay** (†).

She was a loving sister
to **Dr. Florante Bocobo,**
Prof. Celia Bocobo-Olivar (†),
Atty. Ariel Bocobo,
Mrs. Dalisay Bocobo-Balunsat, Atty. Israel
Bocobo, Mrs. Malaya Bocobo-Macatangay
and their respective spouses.

On behalf of all the members of our families,
here and abroad
we, her loving nephews and nieces,
Norman, Jory, Leslie,
George, Cheryl, Gary, Gordon,
Godfrey, Gene,
Sonny, Bernadette, Danny, Jorge,
Godofredo, Dean, Christian, Ezra, Mark,
Easter and **Faith,**
ask for prayers and charitable works,
from all who knew her in life,
as the condolences for which, we are already
thankful to all,
in Tita Evy's solemn memory.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
PORT OF MANILA

Customs District II-A
South Harbor, Manila

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the Customs Bonded Warehouses (CBWs) enumerated in Annex "A" (MMBWD) and those of inactive accredited members of Common Bonded Warehouses listed in Annex "B" (CBWD) hereof are hereby ordered closed by the District Collector of Customs, Port of Manila, and duly approved by the Commissioner of Customs pursuant to Section 1905 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as implemented by Customs Administrative Order No. 2-91 and Customs Memorandum Order No. 39-91, without prejudice to Customs Memorandum Order No. 2-2003.

The Closure Orders are without prejudice to the right of the Bureau to recover any outstanding liabilities of those CBWs such as due to unliquidated entries and unexplained withdrawals/missing inventories as well as pursue other appropriate administrative/legal actions against the concerned parties.

For the information of the Operators of subject CBWs and other parties concerned, this Notice of Closure is hereby issued at the Port of Manila, South Harbor, Port Area, Manila, this 13th day of February 2003.

NAPOLEON L. MORALES
District Collector

Approved:

ATTY. ANTONIO M. BERNARDO
Commissioner of Customs

February 11, 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Annex "A"

NAPOLEON MORALES
District Collector of Customs
Port of Manila

Respectfully submitted the herein List of CBWs recommended for Official Closure:

CBW No.	Name of Company	Accountabilities	Address
1645	CATHAY LUGGAGE	Php 1,559,158.00	Banga, Plaridel, Bulacan
1478	COCO MANILA FOODS	Php 6,864,665.00	Bo. Ugong, Sta. Cruz, Laguna
584	CONTINENTAL CEMENT	Php 132,781.00	Bo. Bigte, Norsagaray, Bulacan
405	DOLE PHILS	Php 6,483,614.00	P.O. Box 362 Post Office Makati City
879	DUPAX RUBBER	Php 476,593.00	Amorsolo, Makati City
669	FILMOSAIC TILES	Php 75,109.00	McArthur H-way, Valenzuela, Bulacan
1497	FIRST INTG. CBW	Php 700,726.00	169-3rd St., Port Area, Manila
585	FOODMASTERS	Php 229,051.00	Marilao, Bulacan
1497	FOOTJOY	Php 3,011,609.00	Mercado St., Guiginto, Bulacan
1042	GOLDFEATHER INT'L	Php 43,609,690.00	8032 Santiago St., Valenzuela, Bulacan
1408	GOLDLUCK IND'L CO.	Php 11,585,559.00	Goldland Bldg., 118 Calamba cor. Banawe St., Q.C.
1361	GOLDSEAL	Php 6,981,824.00	Km. 46 Bo. Pulo, Old Nat'l. H-way, Cabuyao, Laguna
1041	LAGUNA RUBBER	Php 1,544,380.00	Bo. Makiling, Calamba, Laguna
845	LEADER GOLF BAG	Php 397,890.00	Silang, Cavite
1261	LITTLE GIANT STEEL	none	Imelda Ave., Cainta, Rizal
702	PHIL. WOOL KNITTING	Php 36,280,388.00	699 9 de Pebrero, Mandaluyong City
1641	PILIPINAS HALLA	none	Airstrip Canlubang Ind'l. Estate, Laguna

Pursuant to CMO No. 39-91 and in view of the violation(s) of the above mentioned operators of CBW's committed as follows:

For being in-active for more than one (1) year, no importation, no corresponding legal withdrawal of imported goods or exportation of finished products.

For your information and appropriate action on the matter.

MS. FLOR G. AGUILAR
Chief, MMBWD

Annex "B"

COMMON BONDED WAREHOUSE DIVISION

LIST OF INACTIVE ACCREDITED MEMBERS OF COMMON BONDED WAREHOUSES WITHOUT CLOSURE ORDER AS OF JANUARY 2003

CBW NO.	NAME OF CBW & ADDRESS	STATUS	NAME OF INACTIVE ACCREDITED MEMBERS	ADDRESS	UNLIQUIDATED ACCOUNTS/ REMARKS
1534	ARTS GARMENTS Whse: 48-50 Justicia St., Don Pedro Subd., Karuhatan, Valenzuela, Metro Manila	ACTIVE	CMC GARMENTS	77 Gen. T. De Leon St., Karuhatan, Valenzuela, M.M	NONE
			CVC GARMENTS	73 J. Rizal St., Arty Subd., Karuhatan, Valenzuela, M.M.	NONE
			JACT GARMENTS	111 Gen. Luyna St., Karuhatan, Valenzuela, M.M	NONE
			POWERTEX GARMENTS	2-A Paso De Blas Fortune Village 4, Valenzuela, M.M.	NONE
1489	ASIAN BONDED CUST. WHSE. CORP. Whse: 200 Second St., Port Area, Manila	ACTIVE	CATCHLINE INT'L. INC	20 Fl. O. Santos St., Mandaluyong City	NONE
			CREATIVE TOUCH	Km. 17 Cellu Cmpd. Ortigas Ext., Cainta, Rizal	NONE
			EIGHTEX TRADING	Macrima Bldg. 1666 Edsa cor. Escuela St., Makati City	NONE
			HERON MFG. INC	6th Flr. Royal Match Bldg. 6780 Ayala Ave., Makati City	NONE
			HONDA ENGINE MFG. PHILS.	105 South Main Ave., Laguna Technopark, Sta. Rosa	NONE
			MULTI LAYER TECH., INC.	716-72 Magallanes St., Intramuros, Manila	NONE
			PACIFIC BATTERY	622 Elcano St., Binondo, Manila	NONE
			PHIL. FUJI XEROX CORP.	Y. Tower II Bldg. III Alfaro St., Salcedo Vil., Makati City	NONE
			QUICK PACK PHILS.	Rm. 2003 Cityland 10 Tower I Ayala Ave., Makati City	NONE
			REFLEXION SHADES, INC	San Pedro Coliseum Cmpd. Km. 33 Nat'l. Rd., Laguna	NONE
			RITOKU COMPANY, INC	2nd Flr. Unit Karina Condo. 33 Shaw Blvd., Pasig City	NONE
			ROTTERMAN CERAMICS, PHILS.	Alphawood Cmpd. Bldg. 1, Sto. Tomas Rd., Biñan, Laguna	NONE
			RUSS MARKETING INC	14 First St., Sto. Niño, Marikina City	NONE
			SUNNYWOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.	389 Real St., Pulang Lupa, Las Piñas City	NONE
			SUPERB POTTERY PHILS.	J. Aguilar Ave., Pamplona, Las Piñas City	NONE
			SYMPHONY INDUSTRIAL	354 F. San Diego St., Vicente Reales, Valenzuela, M.M.	NONE
			SUN POLIMER CORP.	9 Manan Rd., II East Service Rd., South Superhighway, Bicutan	NONE
1253	FILIPINO HAND COMMON BONDED CORP. Office: Rm. 405 Cityland Condo, 10 Tower II dela Cuesta St., Ayala North, Makati City Whse: Bagbaguin, Sta. Maria, Bulacan	ACTIVE	AM FASHION	1081 Pedro Gil St. Baesa, Quezon City	NONE
			AUTHENTIC MFG. CORP.	33 Mayon St., Bon. Mandaluyong City	NONE
			BINGWEAR INT'L. TRADING	15 Rd., II cor. Kalakal St., San Rafael Village, Navotas, M.M.	NONE
			C-ONG CHING BROS. INT'L.	25 Pasoy St., Masambong, Quezon City	NONE
			COUNTRY KNITTING INDS.	3273 San Fabian St., San Jose City	NONE
			DONG-IL PHILS., INC	75 J. P. Rizal Arty Homes Subd., Karuhatan, Valenzuela, M.M.	NONE
			BAUANG GARMENTS	129 Apo St., Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City	NONE
			BELMOND INT'L CORP.	243 San Roque St., Macabebe, Pampanga	NONE
			FAFUCHEM CORP.	Blk. Lot 31 First Bulacan Ind'l City, Tikay Malolos, Bulacan	NONE
			L & H APPAREL	135 D. Tuazon St., Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City	NONE
			N'RIS MFG & TRADING	Lt. 10 Blk. 4, Dolores Montevista Heights, Taytay, Rizal	NONE
			EVANGELINE'S CREATIONS CO.	3 Pulong Yantok, Angat, Bulacan	NONE
			FILCLOTH	17 Bulusan St., Bulusan Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City	NONE
			GARMENTS WORLD HIGH FASHION	National Road, Lumbac, Pulilan, Bulacan	NONE
			HARISON GARMENTS MFG.	2744 Zamora St., Pasay City	NONE
			HAPPY STAR GARMENTS MFG. CORP.	113 Malatag St., East Ave., Quezon City	NONE
			ISABEL GARMENT	Panique, San Jose St., Bulacan, Bulacan	NONE
			JOIN-US GARMENTS	1104 Padre Algue St., Tondo, Manila	NONE
			KATRICE APPAREL MFG.	301 Victoneta Ave., Araneta Subd., Malabon, M.M	NONE
			LCO GARMENTS MFG. INC.	256 B. Gonzales Subd., Bonga Mayor Bustos, Bulacan	NONE
			MARIS FASHION	32 Gregorio Roxas St., San Jose, Quezon City	NONE
			MC RONALD APPAREL	339 Mabini St., Baliwag, Bulacan	NONE
			NARZEN INDS. INC	12 Granada St., Quezon City	NONE
			PILERMA INC.	San Pablo, Malolos, Bulacan	NONE
			QUAREX HANDICRAFT PHILS.	3 Malawaay St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City	NONE
			TLC GARMENTS	TLC Cmpd. Tuktukan, Guiguinto, Bulacan	NONE
			NICKIS ENTERPRISES	12 Pangmay, Ibayo, Guiguinto, Bulacan	510,696.00
			RACHEL GARMENTS	2773-2775 N. Zueno St., Pinagkaisahan, Makati City	1,050,769.00
			SUNPIPER GARMENTS	42 Tecoville West, Quezon Place, Sucat, Parañaque City	2,213,586.00
1140	LA FORTUNA TEXTILE MFG. Office: 502 P. Aguirre St., Mezzanine Flr., Tondo, Manila Whse: 224 T. Santiago St., Valenzuela, MM	ACTIVE	FEMALE INDUSTRIES INC.		NONE
			JA GARMENTS		NONE
			LEODONIO ENTERPRISES	475 F J.M. Miranda Bldg. Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City	NONE
			MACFORD GARMENTS		NONE
			MICA GRACE ENT.		NONE
1206	LUZON RATTAN INDUSTRIES Office/Whse: 340 Dr. J. Fernandez St., Mandaluyong City	ACTIVE	ABC CLASSIC	Bonifacio Avenue Mandaluyong City	NONE
			AC RAFAEL CORP.	8193 Dr. A. Santos Ave., Sucat, Parañaque City, M.M.	NONE
			ASIALENS, INC	72 Maginoo St., Diliman, Quezon City	NONE
			BAYVIEW EMBROIDERY	44 Elga St., Talalon, Quezon City	NONE
			BELAMI	Brgy. Sto. Cristo Pulilan Bulacan	NONE
			CANUMAY WOOD	T. Santiago St. Bo. Canumay Valenzuela Metro Manila	NONE
			DEMEX RATTAN	1124 Quirino Hway Novaliches Quezon City	NONE
			DANLEX RESEARCH	Bo. Real, Calamba Laguna	NONE
			EIGHTEEN B	37 Marvex Drive Ext. Quezon City	NONE
			ELEIZAR TRADING	11 Doña Juana Rodriguez St., Quezon City	NONE
			EXCLUSIVE FROM THE ISLAND	587 Sierra Madre St., Mandaluyong City	NONE
			EXPONENT WOODART	Km. 235 West Side Rd., SSH Alabang Muntinlupa M.M.	NONE
			FELIN INDUSTRIES	503 A ITC Bldg. 337 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City	NONE
			FLORA GENERESS VENTURES	Quezon City	NONE
			FLORA WORLD ARTS	7629 Guijo St., Makati City	NONE
			GAINSBOROUGH INC	Jardine Davies Cmpd. Edison St., Km. 14 SSH Parañaque	NONE
			GOLDSPELL EXPORTS	Cruz Cmpd. Dr. A. Santos Parañaque Metro Manila	NONE
			HANSA TOYS	Pioneer cor. San Rafael St., Pasig City	NONE
			HEAD FASHION	Panay Avenue Quezon City	NONE
			HORISON EAST	BJS Ind'l Compound 1869 P. Domingo St., Makati City	NONE
			LONG YU	No. Jingco St. Philamlife Vil. Las Piñas City	NONE
			NEO DREAMS LINEN & CRAFT,	Bo. Lambakin, Marilao Bulacan	NONE
			MANELS LEATHERGOODS	Eethoven St., Palanan Makati City	NONE
			MANILA PHILS. PAPER	520 A. Mabini St., Pasig City	NONE
			MARIK ELECTRONICS	46 E. Rodriguez Ave., Sto. Nino, Marikina, M.M.	NONE
			MICANA	14 C Perfecto St., Tanyag Taguig, Metro Manila	NONE
			MULTINATIONAL EXPORT	Bo. Canumay Valenzuela Metro Manila	NONE
			ORIENTAL MAHOGANY	18 First Ave., Bagumbayan Taguig, Metro Manila	NONE
			ORTHOPAEDIC INNOVATIONS	8 Diode St., Light & Science Park, Cabuyao, Laguna	NONE
			PODDEN INTERNATIONAL	63 Panay Ave., Quezon City	NONE
			RENFIL CERAMICS	42 Hilltop St., San Juan, Metro Manila	NONE
			SILK GREENERY INC	186 E. Rodriguez Ave., Libis, Quezon City	NONE
			SIWON INTERNATIONAL INC.	Catwalk 580 Sirlon St., FTI Compound Taguig, Metro Manila	NONE
			SUNSHINE SPORTS	Bldg. No. 1 Mangosteen Rd., FTI Compound Taguig, M.M.	NONE
			TERESA MARBLE	117 Shaw Blvd. Pasig City	NONE
			TOPMOST PRODUCTS	Oliveros Drive, Balintawak, Q.C.	NONE
			TRIMEX MERCANTILE	Calaboso St., Bo. Sto. Tomas Biñan, Laguna	NONE
			TRIMICA INDUSTRIAL	Tepaurel Compound Putatan, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila	NONE
			URATEX INC	Km. 23 East Service Rd., SSH Cupang Muntinlupa, M.M.	NONE
			WEI SHEIGN	National Hway San Pedro Laguna	NONE
			WOODLINE INC	S. Reyes St., Villa Miguela, Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City	NONE
			YVETTES UNLIMITED IDEAS	A-3L Maison Townhomes Boni Serrano cor Katipunan Q.C.	NONE
1479	MERCEDES INT'L. EXPORT CORP. Office: 2nd Floor, Jupiter Arms Bldg., 102 Jupiter St., Bel-Air, Makati City Whse1: Sandoval Ave., Bo. San Miguel, Pasig Whse2: 880 A. Felicidad Ave., Araneta, Q.C.	ACTIVE	ARMAL INTERNATIONAL PHILS.	Ground Floor Armal Bldg. May Bunga Pasig City	NONE
			ASICS INDUSTRIES	37 JP Rizal St., Arty Subd., Valenzuela City	NONE
			BEEGIES GARMENTS		NONE
			BONDEX GARMENTS	B17-20 Angeles Livelihood Vill., Pulung Cacutud, Pampanga	NONE
			BUENAVISTA GARMENTS		NONE
			CALEB APPAREL	SEB Commercial Center Baltao Cmpd. Ortigas Taytay Rizal	NONE
			CELESTIAL APPAREL	No. 6 Pearl Street Greenland Pasig City	NONE
			CHANCELLOR MFG	3rd flr. DPC Bldg. Pasong Tamo, Makati City	NONE
			DELTA MULTI BUSINESS	No. 62 F. Mariano Avenue Bo. Dela Paz Pasig City	NONE
			DIAMOND CREST		NONE
			EXCEL APPAREL	Halina Cmpd. Ilog Pugad San Juan, Taytay Rizal	NONE
			G & G GARMENTS	SEB Bldg., Baltao Cmpd., Ortigas Ave.	NONE
			GERARD APPAREL		NONE
			GIANT GROUP CAPS	21-23 Serrano Street Marulas, Valenzuela M.M	NONE
			GURUTEX GARMENTS	Km. 22 Village East Ave., cor. Felix Ave. East Home Cainta Rizal	NONE
			ITALIA EMBROIDERY LINE, INC.	Multi-National Parañaque City	NONE
			KM APPAREL	8781 San Pedro Street Parañaque, Metro Manila	NONE
			MONTANA FASHION EXPORTS	Block 69 Lot 20 Begonia Street Brgy. Rizal, Makati City	NONE
			PHIL. TEAM CHARGER	Bldg. C2 Granville Ind. Bo. Bancal Carmona, Cavite	NONE
			RIMD INDUSTRIES	174 Christian Dior St., Blommingdale Hills Subd. Angono, Rizal	NONE
			RMC GARMENTS		NONE
			ROOTS MFG. INC	1965 F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City	NONE
			SONA GARMENTS	Fallex Bldg. Mercedes Ave. San Miguel, Pasig City	NONE
			SPPEDWAY INT'L GMTS.	97 Km. 28 National Hway Parugan 3 Dalig, Antipolo City	NONE
			STITCHWELL GARMENTS		NONE
			SUNBURST GARMENTS CORP.	No. 38-40 N. Ramirez St., Quezon City	NONE
			SHAGGY GARMENTS		NONE
			WHOLEWIN GARMENTS	Unit 401-408 4th flr. VFP Bldg. Veterans Center, Taguig, M.M.	NONE
929	MINDANAO TE[illegible]RP. Office: 6th Floor, PDC[illegible] Bldg. Ayala Ave. cor. Herr[illegible], Makati City Whse: Km. 18 Sup[illegible] Diamond Compound Para[illegible] City	ACTIVE	BEST GUY	Bo. San Luis Sto. Tomas, Batangas	NONE
			GRAND ORIENT	127 Lozada St. cor Aurora Blvd. San Juan, Metro Manila	NONE
			MANGO SEWING CONTRA[illegible]	37 Ind'l Gil Las Buenas Bldg. Malabon, Metro Manila	NONE
			MERIDIAN GARM[illegible]	Sampaloc 2 Sanaya Quezon	NONE
			MONIQUE FASH[illegible]	34 Road I Hway Hills Mandaluyong City	NONE
1349	NON-TRADITIONAL EXPORTER Whse: 8764 Dela Cruz Cmpd. Brgy. San Isidro, Parañaque City	ACTIVE	BBI ENTERPR[illegible]		NONE
			FERRC[illegible]	1A Lourdes St., Manotoc Compound Baesa, Quezon City	NONE
			FIL-TAI MARBLE		NONE
			FUJIAYO	21-I T. Santiago St., Canumay Valenzuela, Metro Manila	NONE
			MITSUMO	80 Ortigas Ave., Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila	NONE
			NIKOLITE	Bo. San Roque, Cainta, Rizal	NONE
			ROMAR	Rm. 1405 State Center Bldg. 333 J. Luna St., Binondo M.M.	NONE
			STARWIDE		NONE
			WAY CORPORATION	1 Sikap St., Plainview, Mandaluyong City	NONE
			LUZON SYNTHETIC	Ortigas Ave., Cainta Rizal	NONE
			ROTAMUNDIAL	M.A. Engineering Compound, Tunasan, Muntinlupa	NONE
			V. ROQUE WOODWORK	53 Sanchez St., Tanejeros Malabon, M.M.	NONE
1415	PHIL. BONDED WHSE. SERVICES INC. Whse: Lot 13 & 14, Blk. 1, C3 Road, Navotas, MM Office: Rm. 313 Fernil Bldg. Annex, A. Soriano St., Intramuros, Manila	ACTIVE	ALPHA POLLY	Naga Rd. Pulang Lupa Las Piñas, Metro Manila	NONE
			ASHFORD LABS.	Oliveros St., Antipolo City	NONE
			BEST WAY	Bo. Bangkal Carmona, Cavite	NONE
			BONCARE INDUSTRIAL INC.	Cagayan Valley Rd., Sta. Rita Bulacan	NONE
			CERAMICO INT'L.	Magayam Bo. Silang, Cavite	NONE
			CDL LAMPS	Km. 32 Nat'l Road San Pedro Coliseum, Laguna	NONE
			CONTACT MFG	84 Araneta Ave. cor. Tuazon St. Potrero, Malabon, M.M.	NONE
			CONTINENTAL MFG.	6 S. Cabral St., Valenzuela, Metro Manila	NONE
			D & A LAMPS		NONE
			DAE SAN PHILS.	Molave St., Cirla II Subd., Canlubang, Laguna	NONE
			DESIGN CRAFT		NONE
			FIL-YAMADA		NONE
			GHIM CHONG	Km. 35 Aguinaldo Hiway, Anabu II Imus, Cavite	NONE
			GOLD PACKAGING	Veterans Center Compound	NONE
			GRADA INT'L	Pangleon St., Mac Arthur Hiway Valenzuela, M.M.	NONE
			GRANSPAN DEV'TL.	Bo. Tagpos, Binangonan, Rizal	NONE
			JERRY INDUSTRIAL	610 Young Town Drive, Cainta, Rizal	NONE
			JOHNSON & JOHNSON	Edison Ave., Parañaque, Metro Manila	NONE
			KODAK PHILS.	2247 Pasong Tamo, Makati City	NONE
			KYUNG LIM		NONE
			KYU RYONG		NONE
			MARATEX MFG.	53 Mayor Dizon St., Ind'l Valley Subd. Marikina	NONE
			PACIFIC MFG		NONE
			PHIL. ELECTRIC WIRES	Bo. Bancal, Carmona, Cavite	NONE
			PHIL. FISHING EQUIPMENT		NONE
			PHILKOR FISHING		NONE
			POLYTEX PKG.	4A Panaltunan St., Quezon City	NONE
			R.G. MEDITRON	LPG Bldg., Panay Ave., Quezon City	NONE
			RHENANIA PHILS.	Gateway Business Park, Gen. Trias, Cavite City	NONE
			ROBLYN PHILS.	Dolor Subd., Cadena De Amor St., Calamba, Laguna	NONE
			ROYALE AMERASIA	Isidro Francisco St., Valenzuela, Metro Manila	NONE
			SHIN HEUNG	Willonco Road, Parañaque, Metro Manila	NONE
			TOWA ELECTRONICS		NONE
			ULTRA DONG SHIN	4th Flr. Crissant Bldg., 240 Commonwealth Ave., Q.C.	NONE
			UNIVERSAL FOOD CORP.	No. 39, Eulogio Drive, Balintawak, Q.C.	NONE
			WEI SHENG		NONE
			WESCO INDS.	172 Don Mabuel Agregado St., Sta. Mesa Heights, Q.C.	NONE
			WHK MFG. & TDG.	5 Pittsburg St., Cubao, Quezon City	NONE
1045	PHIL. EXPORTER CONFEDERATION Whse: Baseco Cmpd., Eng. Island, 2nd St., Port Area, Manila	ACTIVE	AL TRIPON CO., INC	Cervantes Compound, Km. 17 South Superhiway	536,353.99 ABATEMENT
			ASIA WORLD MANUFACTURING	755 N.S. Amoranto Street, Quezon City	2,107,480.00 ABATEMENT
			GIGANTIC BAG & LUGGAGE MFG.	Rm. 1405 State Center Bldg., 333 Juan Luna Street, Binondo	387,812.00 ABATEMENT
			EXPO RUBBER		636,078.00 ABATEMENT
			FIL CARTONS		1,700,358.00 ABATEMENT
			BEN KINGLEYS		5,249,803.00 ABATEMENT
			COLE	20 Gen. Delgado Street, San Antonio Village, Pasig City	6,732,202.00
			EL PACIFICO BUENO INT'L	814 Pacific Bank Bldg., 460 Q. Paredes, Binondo, Manila	31,179,458.00
			ACT ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	Amang Rodriguez Ave., Santolan, 1610 Pasig City	NONE
			ADVENT FOODS, INC.	Marcos Alvarez Ave., Talon, 11747 Las Piñas City	NONE
			AIKO ASIA INT'L MFG. CORP.	Rm. 609-B Pacific Bank Bldg., 450 Quintin Paredes St.	NONE
			ALAMINOS BEVERAGE ENTERPRISES		NONE
			ALEXANDER TOYS INT'L. INC.	9552 Commercio Commercio St., Guadalupe, Makati City	NONE
			AND PUNO SILK, INC.	Rm. 808 Ferros Bel-Air Tower 30 Polaris St.	NONE
			ANGELUS SHOE SHOP		NONE
			ANN SUCCESS		NONE
			APV PHILS., IINC		NONE
			ARCHIPEL CORPORATION	143 B. Balagtas Street, Malate Manila	NONE
			ARETES BY ROSARY BENITEZ	28 Mariposa Street R-1 Cubao, Quezon City	NONE
			ARMISHE EXPORTS, INC.	cor. Friendship Hiway & Don Melton Avenue	NONE
			ART GLASS ASIA, INC		NONE
			ASIAN FOOTER & RUBBER CORP.	235 J. Teodoro Street cor. 5th Ave., Grace Park	NONE
			ASIA PHILS. RECREATIONAL PROD.		NONE
			ATLANTIC GULF & PACIFIC CO. OF MLA	Cor. 2nd and Tacoma Streets Port Area, Manila	NONE
			BANAUE INDUSTRIES	97 Guirayan Street, Araneta Subdivision, Quezon City	NONE
			BASELINE CRAFTS, INC.	222 McArthur Highway, Sto. Cristo, Angeles City	NONE
			BAVARIAN WOODCRAFT EXPORTS	63 Rivera Street, Merville Subdivision, Parañaque City	NONE
			BECHER, BARTLETT & RANDOLL	11 San Juan Bautista, Betis, Guagua, Pampanga	NONE
			BENAMI MANUFACTURING CORP.	8302 Dr. A. Santos Ave., Parañaque City	NONE
			BETA ELECTRIC CORPORATION	Domestic Airport Road, Pasig City	NONE
			BILLION CHARM INT'L ENT.	Unit 607 Campos Rueda Bldg., Urban Ave., Makati City	NONE
			C & S EXPORT CORPORATION		NONE
			CAMARA STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.	Elisco Road, San Joaquin, Pasig City	NONE
			CARISSA, CORPORATION	1195 Remedios Street, Otis, Paco, Manila	NONE
			CEDRIC, INC		NONE
			CESCRAFT VENTURES		NONE
			CFC-KEEBLER, INC.	4th Floor, CFC Admin Bldg., E. Rodriguez Jr. Avenue, Pasig City	NONE
			CINERGI TECH & DEVICES (PHILS.) INC.	5/F Pilgrim Bldg., Aguirre Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City	NONE
			CLASSIC DESIGNS, INC.	No. 1 Cenio, Sto. Tomas, Lubao, Pampanga	NONE
			CLICK MANUFACTURING CORP.	3121 Street cor. V. Mapa St., Sta. Mesa, Metro Manila	NONE
			CONUS FURNISHING, INC.		NONE
			CRESER PRECISION SYSTEM, INC.	14 Don Jose Street, Cubao, Quezon City	NONE
			CRESTLINE IND'L & DEV'T CO.		NONE
			CUTE CARLA CREATION, INC	7919 F. Orega Street, Lopez Jaena, San Dionisio, Parañaque	NONE
			CYROS ACCENTS, INC	3 Sacris Rd. Extension Tipolo, Mandaue, Cebu City	NONE
			DESIGN PLACE, INC.	A12, 2nd Flr. Virra Mall Shopping Center, Greenhills, San Juan	NONE
			DNL BAHAYKUBO CRAFTS, INC.	Blk. 51 Lot 44 Lagro Subd. Novaliches, Quezon City	NONE
			DON BOSCO TRAINING & LIVELIHOOD	C.P. Garcia Street, Bo. Magsaysay, Tondo, Manila	NONE
			DYNASTY ENTERPRISES	6 G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City	NONE
			EASITEX INCORPORATED	1869 P. Domingo Street, Makati City	NONE
			EEI CORP (ENG. ELECTRICAL INC.)	188 E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Libis, Quezon City	NONE
			EJK PLASTIC INDUSTRIES CORP.		NONE
			EJR CORPORATION		NONE
			ESP PRINTERS, INC		NONE
			ESSES-FRACTIONAL MOTORS CORP.	Sunyu Bldg., 2 VPFP Industrial Area Veterans Center, Taguig	NONE
			EURO ART CLASSIQUE, INC.	Zapanta Compound, M.L. Quezon Ext., Bgy. Dalig, Antipolo	NONE
			FABRICATOR PHILS., INC	35 Oliveros Drive, Balintawak, Quezon City	NONE
			FILKOR FOOTWEAR & RUBBER CORP.	Rm. 309 Artex Bldg., 435 Juan Luna Street, Binondo, Manila	NONE
			FIRST CAVITE AGRI & REAL ESTATE	Km. 19 Aguinaldo Hiway, Bacoor, Cavite	NONE
			FLAIR INT'L MFG. INC	391 Santolan Road, cor. 8th Ave., Cubao, Quezon City	NONE
			GILDEN GAIN PRODUCTS IND'L. INC		NONE
			GOLDEN SHOES INT'L MFG., CORP.	Rm. 205 Pacific Bank Bldg., Q. Paredes Street, Binondo	NONE
			GOODFIT MANUFACTURING CORP.	12 1st Avenue Mafalac Ind'l Estate, Bagumbayan, Taguig	NONE
			HANA LEATHERGOODS CORP.	No. 2 Tapulanga Street, Capitolville Subd., Bacolod City	NONE
			HELLA PHILIPPINES, INC	961 Pres. Quirino Ave., Malate, Manila	NONE
			HERRICK FILTER MFG. CORP.	17 First St., New Manila, Quezon City	NONE
			HORN KUEN PRECION CO., INC.	Anabu 1-Imus, Cavite	NONE
			INDO COIL PHILS. INC	Gov. Drive San Francisco General	NONE
			INGLENOOK FOODS CORP	Wharfside Navotas Fish Port Complex, Navotas, M.M	NONE
			INSTAFOOD CORP. OF THE PHIL.	Population Center Building Nichols Interchange, Makati City	NONE
			INT'L GOLDEN GLAXY IMPEX CORP.	9723 A. Santiago A. Subd., Pililla Street, Makati	NONE
			ITLPINO CO. PHILS., INC	People's Technology Center, Carmona, Cavite	NONE
			J.D. ENTERPRISES CO., INC		NONE
			JINNLY MFG & TRADING	83 C-3 Road, Dagat-Dagatan, Caloocan City	NONE
			JOSEPHINE MARINE TRADING CORP.	3904 Quingua Pinagkaisahan St., Guadalupe, Makati	NONE
			KAO HWA ARTS INT'L. CORP.		NONE
			KHENG-RON-LY ENTERPRISES	Suite 904 Enterprises Bldg., 524 Q. Paredes St., Binondo	NONE
			KIMVER LIGHTING CORP.	78 Esteban Luna St., BF Homes, Parañaque, M.M.	NONE
			KORYO PHILS.	9/F PDCP Bank Centre cor. Herrera & Alfaro St., Makati	NONE
			KUN HSIN CO., INC.	Rm. 801 Horizon Condominium, Meralco Ave., Pasig City	NONE
			LABELMAN, INC	No. 5 Dahsay Street, West Triangle, Quezon City	NONE
			LATEWX PRODUCTS CO., INC.	No. 148 Latex City, Pamplona, Las Piñas City	NONE
			LE TRISH ENTERPRISES		NONE
			LEE CHAI IND'L PHILS., CO., INC		NONE
			LEEWAY MULTI PURPOSE TRADING		NONE
			LI-FONG IND'L. PHILS. MCO., LTD.		NONE
			LONGWELL PHILS., MFG. CORP		NONE
			LOUISVILLE MANUFACTURING INC		NONE
			MAGNA RUBBER MFG. CORP	Dr. A. Santos Avenue, Sucat, Parañaque	NONE
			MGNI INC	#57 Simoun St., Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City	NONE
			MULTI-LAYER, INC.		NONE
			OLIVE COMPANY, INC	206 M. Miranda Street, Sta. Lucia, San Juan	NONE
			OLIVIA'S EMBROIDERIES	#204 Katipunan Avenue, Blue Ridge Subdivision	NONE
			ORIENT TOBACCO CO., INC.	18/F, Metrobank Plaza Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue	NONE
			ORION RUBBER MFG., INC.	#4003 Rammel Road, Bo. Vicente Reales, Valenzuela City	NONE
			PATTERN FARMS, INC.	157 M. Palermo Street, San Juan, Metro Manila	NONE
			PHIL. RESOURCES EXPORT & TDG.	Catwalk Building 4, FTI Complex	NONE
			PHIL. TABACCO FLUE CURING	802 A. Bonifacio Street, Balintawak, Quezon City	NONE
			PHIL. ASIA'S CRAFTS & GARMENTS		NONE
			PHIL. SOFTWOOD PRODUCTS, INC.	4th Floor, Union Ajinomoto Bldg. 331 Gil Puyat Avenue	NONE
			Q.C. EMBROIDERY HOUSE, INC.	#7 Col. Martelino Street, Heroes Hill, Quezon City	NONE
			RARECRAFT PHILIPPINES	Fortune Bldg., 144 Pasig Blvd., Pasig City	NONE
			READYFOOD MANUFACTURING CORP.	2/F, Circle Freight Int'l. Pascor Drive, Parañaque City	NONE
			REPROCRAFTERS, INC	First Plywood Building Quezon Avenue, San Isidro	NONE
			ROSEWOOD HANDICRAFTS	#7733 Rosewood St., Marcelo Green Village	NONE
			RUBY RICH (PHILS.) INC	466 P. Burgos Avenue Caridad, Cavite City	NONE
			SAN MIGUEL YATCH CO., INC.	12 San Miguel Road San Antonio, Zambales	NONE
			SEA QUEENS GARMENTS EXPORTS	#168 Mercado St. Lot 2-G, Tabe	NONE
			SEAPLUS EXPORT CORPORATION		NONE
			SMCC APPAREL		NONE
			STARDUST INT'L MFG., CORP	Rm. 505-A Pacific Bank Bldg., Quintin Paredes St. Binondo	NONE
			STOREHOUSE INTERNATIONAL CORP.	658 CRM Avenue, BF Almanza Las Piñas, Metro Manila	NONE
			STRAW ORIENT CO., INC	520 Protacio Street, San Antonio Compound,	NONE
			STRONG INT'L PHILS., INC.	No. 3 Braxton Street Bo. Kapitolyo, Pasig City	NONE
			SUNG YEONG PHILS., CO., INC	222 Amapola Street Palm Village, Makati City	NONE
			TARLAC PORCELAIN MFG., CORP.	Sivo Paroba, Tibag, Tarlac, Tarlac	NONE
			TOPFORMER CORPORATION	38 Sauyo Road, Bagbag Novaliches, Quezon City	NONE
			TOUSEL ENTERPRISES	30 N. T. Garcia Street San Dionisio, Parañaque	NONE
			UNIVERSAL TRICOT MILLS, INC.		NONE
			VENUS TOYS INT'L CORP.	216 Vesscoa Street Tuktukan, Taguig, Metro Manila	NONE
			VIRGINIA FOOD, INC	21 General Asarela Street San Antonio Village	NONE
			WECHEM MFG. CORP.	#183 J. Teodoro Street Kalookan City	NONE
			WOO JUNG RUBBER IND'L PHILS., INC	Unit 1012 MCS Tower Cond. 1299 Pasong Tamo St., Makati	NONE
			YUKI EXPORT MANUFACTURING CORP.	#1 Unit C. Innoville Avenue Innoville 1 Subd., Sucat	NONE
794	PHIL. INTEG. (MFTRS.) EXPORTERS INC. Whse: PIE Compound No. 359 Dancalan St., Brgy. Malamig, Mandaluyong City	ACTIVE	ALLIED CONSOLIDATED	Manjos Ind'l Cmpd., Bldg. 4&5 Sandoval Pinagbuhatan	NONE
			AXELON	1400 Pres. Quirino Ave. cor. South Super Hiway Paco Mla.	NONE
			BRYTEX MFG.	No. 33 G. de Jesus St., Bagong Barrio, Caloocan City	NONE
			DOÑA ADELA	753 San Ignacio St., Mandaluyong City	NONE
			ENROUTE FASHION	No. 3 Braxton St., Mandaluyong City	NONE
			FIL-CLOTH	Mgy. Mambugan, Sumulong Hiway, Antipolo Rizal	NONE
			HYTEX INC	426 Bulalakaw St., Mandaluyong City	NONE
			JSS GARMENTS	139 9th St., New Manila	NONE
			MACROTEX	270 F. Legaspi St., Parkwood Green Exe. Vil. Pasig City	NONE
			NEW FRONTIER	1 Dalsol St. Brgy. Sangandaan Proj. 8 Q.C.	NONE
			UTTAMS	517 P. Protacio St., Pasay M.M.	NONE
			J.A. GARMENTS	180 P. Santos St., cor. Dungo St., Santolan Rd., San Juan	NONE
			KAUSWAGAN	No. 7 Mola St., Cubao Quezon City	NONE
			LUCKY GARMENTS	707 Bagbaguin, Malinta, Valenzuela Metro Manila	NONE
			MINES WORLDWIDE	157 Tolentino St., San Francisco Del Monte, Quezon City	NONE
			MODERN STITCHES	Jenny's Ave., Maybunga, Pasig City	NONE
			PLIOS GARMENTS	P & J Bldg., Pasig Blvd. Cor. E. Rodriguez Ave., Pasig City	NONE
			PHIL. KNIT KNACKS	2583 Molave St., United Hills Village, Parañaque City	NONE
			POLYGRAM GARMENTS	No. 60 Lorraine St., Parkway Village, Balintawak Q.C.	NONE
			STITCHLINE APPAREL	159 B- Lourdes Drive, San Juan, Metro Manila	NONE
			TELSTAR TEXTILE	9 DEF Goldland Tower #10 Eisenhower Greenhills San Juan	NONE
			SAYSON COTTAGE INDS.	No. 7 Ocean Park, Sauyo Novaliches, Q.C.	NONE
			SILVER LINE INT'L	117 Champaca St., United Parañaque City	NONE
			TOP GLORY	14 L & G Cmpd. P. dela Cruz Nagkaisang Nayon Q.C.	NONE
			TYKE GARMENTS	6 Prudent Lane, Sanville Subd. Tandang Sora, Q.C.	NONE
925	PHIL. INT'L. TRADING CORP. Whse: 2345 Aurora Blvd (Formally Tramo St.) Pasay City	ACTIVE	AA CERAMICS	Sakap Bldg., Dao St., San Antonio Village Makati City	NONE
			ART PIECE CRAFTS	151 D. P. Housing Project 11th Ave., Balintawak Q.C.	NONE
			BRESINE ENT., INC	Unit 4 VRL Ind'l Compound Bgy. Nueva, San Pedro Laguna	NONE
			CB SANTIAGO BOATCRAFT	79 T. Manuel Subd., Karuhatan Valenzuela M.M.	NONE
			CRUZ WOOD INDS., INC.	Angeles Furniture Vil. Cuayan Angeles City	NONE
			FLORA ARTS PHILS., INC	JMP Bldg., Jose C. Cruz St., Bo. Ugong Pasig City	NONE
			HERMANOS TRIGO ENT., INC.	100 F. Malahmik St., Sikatuna Village, Quezon City	NONE
			LEGACY CERAMICS ARTS, INC.	175 Castasus St., San Pedro Laguna	NONE
			LIBRA-SCORPIO ARTCRAFT	1000 Ipil St., Anthony Subd., Cainta Rizal	NONE
			LINCOLN GERARD INC.	7 Pioneer St., Mandaluyong City	NONE
			MULTI-FORMS CORP.	13-15 G.H. Del Pilar St., San Francisco Del Monte Q.C.	NONE
			PINTAR INT'L	Peoples Technology Complex Carmona Cavite	NONE
			RENAISSANCE CERAMIC ARTWARES	Suite 201 Fedman Suites Salcedo St., Legaspi Vil. Makati	NONE
			SARANGA CERAMIC CONTRACTING	107 Mariano Alvara Ave., Talon Las Piñas M.M.	NONE
1538	PHIL. INVESTOR'S COMMON BONDED Office: Suite B-1, Royal Bay Terrace, U.N. Ave., Manila Whse: Coastal Road, Bacoor, Cavite	ACTIVE	KAO HWA ARTS	135 Molave St., Ceres II Calamba, Laguna	NONE
			JUTSUN INT'L	7 Sto. Domingo Cainta, Rizal	NONE
			GREAT WALL MACHINERY	3134 V. Mapa St., Sta. Mesa Manila	NONE
			FIL ACCENTRIC	520 A. Mabini St., Pasig City	NONE
			PRODENTIAL INC.	3F OHI Bldg. 179 Yakal St., 1200 Makati	NONE
			ORIENTAL BESTLAND	Lot 39-C Malunggay FTI Complex Taguig Metro Manila	NONE
			NEW POLYTEX INT'L	Peoples Technology Complex, Carmona Cavite	NONE
			SUNNYCRAFT	Purok Maligaya Bo. Sumulong Hiway Antipolo Rizal	NONE
			EVERLITE LUGGAGE COMPANY	Lt. 3D 168 Mercado St. Guiguinto Bo. Tabe Bulacan	NONE
			PACKMAN PACKAGING CORP.	Bustamante St., Tinajeros Malabon Metro Manila	NONE
			ROTOLA INC	40 Rizal Ave., San Isidro Taytay Rizal	386,212.00
			WILBER LUGGAGE	716 Gen. Luis St., Bagbaguin Caloocan City	11,943,530.00
			ORIENTAL DRAGON	National Road, Tunasan Muntinlupa	NONE
			BROTHERS TEXTILE	Unit-4 Land Brgy. Pritok Meycauayan Bulacan	NONE
1338	PHILFOODEX BONDED WHSE. CORP. Whse: 616 Food Terminal Inc., Taguig, M.M	ACTIVE	A & P FOODS		NONE
			AROMA FOODS		NONE
			CEBU LEGACY	Unit 304, Moraga Mansion Plaza Binondo M.M.	NONE
			KRAFT GENERAL	8378 Dr. A. Santos Ave., Sucat Parañaque	NONE
			ERMA INDS.	115 North Bay, Navotas, M.M	NONE
			FINEST FOODS PRODUCTS	404 Jaboneros St., San Nicolas Manila	NONE
			FLOEX INTERNATIONAL	62 9th St., Rolling Hills Village, New Manila Q.C.	NONE
			HARMAN FOODS INC	46 A. Bonifacio Ave., Quezon City	NONE
			HI ARROW FOOD PRODUCTS	Suite 1514 State Center Bldg.	NONE
			INSTA PACK INC	1450 L. Gabriel St., Baclaran, Parañaque, M.M.	NONE
			INTERNATIONAL FOOD SNACKS	88 San Guillermo Ave., Bo. Buting Pasig, M.M.	NONE
			MC CORMICK PHILS., INC.	18th Strata 2000, Emerald Ave., Pasig City	NONE
			NATURAL FRUITS	4 Rama De Noche St., United Parañaque M.M.	NONE
			OFFSPRING INDS. PHILS.	VV Soliven Bldg., Unit 1025 Edsa San Juan M.M.	NONE
			ORIENT MULTI-FOODS CORP.	2nd Flr. Sunshine 9633 Kamagong St., Makati City	NONE
			PROFOODS INT'L CORP.		NONE
			R & M PRESERVES	441 B.V. Rama Ave. Guadalupe Cebu City	NONE
			SAN PABLO CHOICE PRODS.	Phil. Center Fort Population Devt. Complex Taguig	NONE
			SEACHAMP INT'L CORP.	CRW Cmpd. CRB Rd. Complex Taguig	NONE
			STERLING FRUITS, INC.	78 Kalibog cor. Libertad	NONE
			SUMMER FRUITS, INC.	Marsman Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City	NONE
			TWIN OAKS	130 A 20th Ave. Project 4, Q.C.	NONE
1154	ROYAL EXPORTERS CORP. Whse: Km. 15 Atlas Copco Compound South, Superhighway, Parañaque, M.M.	ACTIVE	CEMT ENTERPRISES	942 Ideal St., Mandaluyong City	NONE
			FORSA MANUFACTURING	B. The Plaza Royale 120 Alfaro St., Salcedo Vil. Makati City	NONE
			GRACITAS FASHION	15 Inason Commercial Complex, San Dionisio Parañaque	NONE
			K & K MANUFACTURING	No. 10 Felix Baes St., Perpetual Vil. East Bicutan Taguig	NONE
			L & E GARMENTS	Mabolo Hi-way Bacoor Cavite	NONE
			LE MARLIN APPAREL	4781 Borasoan St., Makati City	NONE
			NJJ ENTERPRISES	Block 10 Lot 10 Mapayapa Village, Las Piñas City	NONE
			PACIFIC FEATHER INT'L CORP.	Mabolo Hi-way Bacoor Cavite	NONE
			PRIMEWAY INC	142 Moscow St., Green Park Village Pasig City	NONE
			SEVENTH STITCH CORP.	37-A Shorthorn St., Bo. Bahay Toro, Project 8 Quezon City	NONE
			SHING FUNG KNITTING CORP.	Marville Ind'l Comd. Marville Access Rd., Parañaque City	NONE
			SONARA INC	Km. 19 East Service Road South Super Hiway Parañaque	NONE
			UNI DIMENSIONAL CO.	Unit 1006 B PSE Ctr. West Exchange Rd., Ortigas Pasig City	NONE
			FRONTLINE GMTS	Unit 1006 B PSE Ctr. West Exchange Rd., Ortigas Pasig City	NONE
	TOTAL		393		

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IN-HOUSE BIDDING COMMITTEE (IHBC)

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Cabanatuan Branch Office invites all qualified and eligible security agencies to join its public bidding on March 14, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. for thirty-four (34) security guards to provide security services to the following subdivisions, to wit:

Name of Subdivision	Address	No. of Guards
1. Univille Subdivision	Bangad, Cabanatuan City	9
2. Science Ville Subd.	Brgy. Magtanggol, Munoz, Nueva Ecija	9
3. AGL Heights Subd.	Caalibangbangan, Cabanatuan City	6
4. Villa Emilia Subd.	Brgy. Kalikid Sur, Cabanatuan City	10

All interested bidders are required to submit their pre-qualification documents not later than **February 28, 2003**, which are as follows:

1. Certificate of Business Registration & Business Permit
2. Financial Statement/Income Tax Return (Latest)
3. PADPAO Membership Certificate & Agreement
4. SSS & Philhealth Remittances
5. Other Accreditation Papers

A pre-bidding conference shall be held on **March 7, 2003** at 2:00 p.m. at the Office of the Assistant Branch Manager, GSIS, Cabanatuan City. Prospective bidders who fail to submit their pre-qualification documents before the deadline or those who fail to meet the System's qualification requirements shall be rejected and disqualified to join the public bidding. Bid documents shall be issued to all qualified prospective bidders.

The GSIS reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any defects or formality therein and to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the System.

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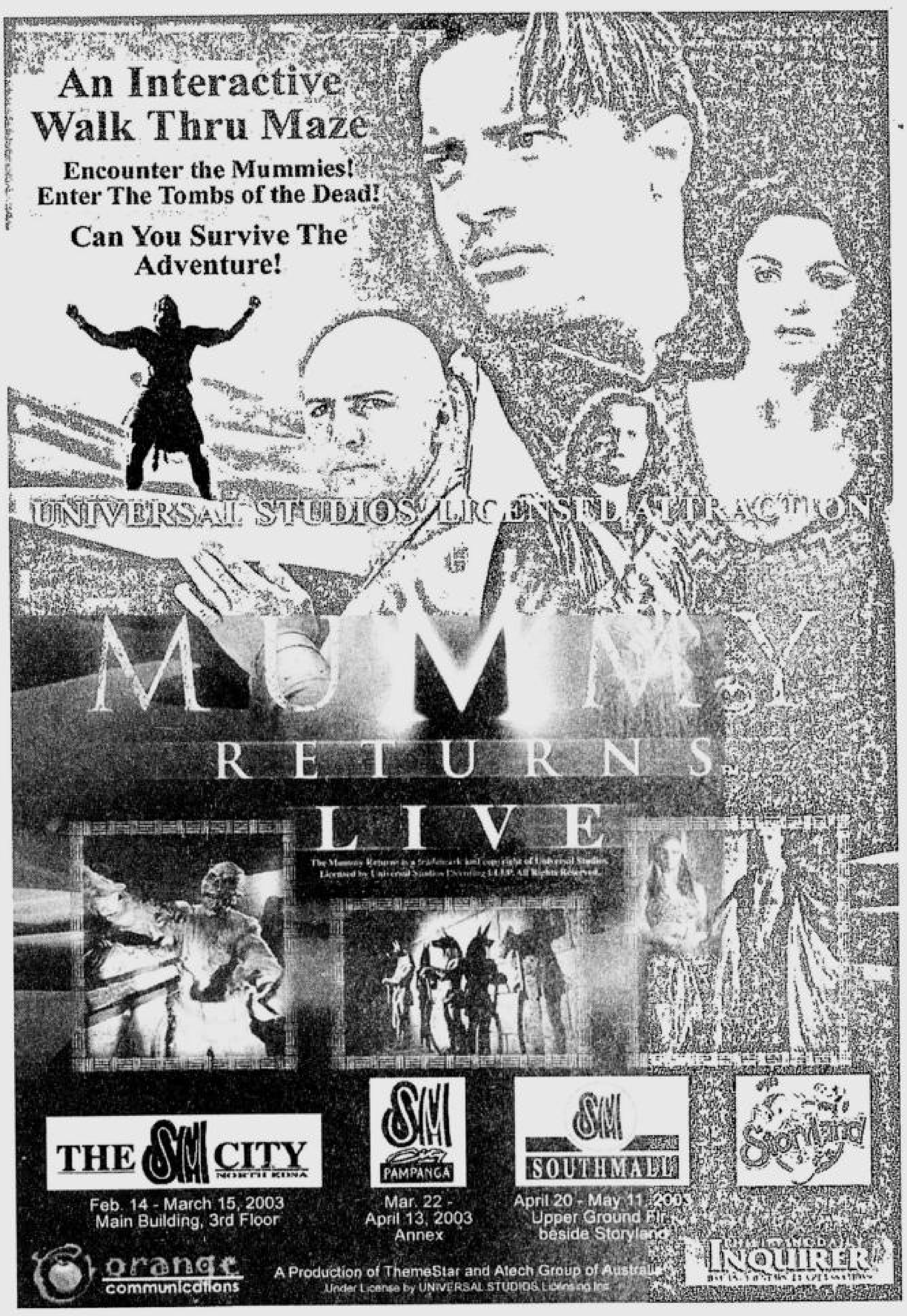

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LGTM Corporation with MR. TEODORO N. CAMACHO IV as president has been offering lots for sale at the 50,000 square meter property located at Munting Mapino, Naic, Cavite, which it calls the ST. JULIANNE HOMES (formerly JOJO VILLA SUBDIVISION).

Please be informed that all these lots are involved in a litigation, 2 Civil Cases and Criminal Case IS No. 02-146 filed last February 14, 2002 and pending before the Provincial Prosecutor's Office of Imus, Cavite.

The owner's duplicate copies of the lot's titles are all in the possession of our client, the Marcbilt Realty and Development Corporation (MRDC).

RICARDO J.M. RIVERA LAW OFFICE
Counsel for MRDC

(PDI--Feb. 16, 2003)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Caraga through the Caraga Food Sufficiency Project, a Spanish Government funded development intervention, is now inviting all interested consulting firms to apply for eligibility and to bid for the implementation of the:

"Feasibility and Detailed Engineering Studies for the Establishment of Tandag Fish port Facilities"

The eligibility requirements and bid documents shall be available at **NEDA Caraga CFSP BAC Secretariat** starting **February 10, 2003.**

The bidders shall submit their eligibility criteria requirements not later than **February 19, 2003, 7:00 p.m.** The conduct of eligibility check shall be done on **February 20, 2003**. Upon receipt of the Request for Proposal, the eligible bidder shall submit the Bid/Proposal for the technical and financial proposals in two (2) sealed envelopes at the above mentioned address. Deadline for submission will be **February 27, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.** Opening of the bids shall be on **February 28, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

The approved budget for the contract is **P1,210,000.**

NEDA Caraga/CFSP reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. NEDA Caraga/CFSP further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(PDI--Feb. 9 & 16, 2003)

People, Events & Products

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A day of fun for street kids at Storyland

STORYLAND, the country's most exciting indoor theme park, recently treated the Mumunting Anghel ng Parañaque kids to a day of fun in its SM Southmall outlet.

No less than Ellie the Elephant and Lionel the Lion King, two of Storyland's well-loved characters, were on hand to welcome the kids from this charitable institutions, and lead them along the park's themed attractions.

It was a day of thrills as the kids tried on the park's rides and kiddie attractions. These included the Silver Streak Roller Coaster, Atom Smasher Bump Cars, Krazy Kars, and the Barn Stormer airplanes. The Bumblee Bee Bop and the Fun Paddler were other rides that the kids kept on lining up for.

The kids were later treated to merienda and lots of ice cream, and then to a special performance by Ellie and Lionel, who danced to Las Ketchup's Asereje.

The fun didn't stop there. After enjoying more rides and attractions at the park the children went home with a bag of goodies, fun-tastic memories, and warm hugs from Ellie and Lionel.

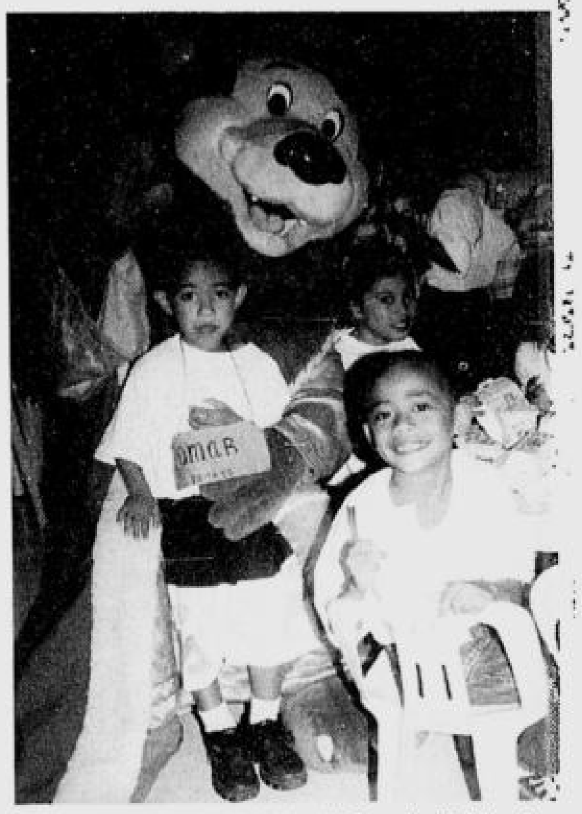
The fun day with the kids of Ang Mumunting Anghel ng Parañaque is one of the many ways Storyland tries to reach out to less fortunate children.

CARMINA takes her time at the Fun Paddler in Storyland.

THIS Mumunting Anghel's group of kids are having a good time at the Silver Streal Roller Coaster in Storyland.

ANG Mumunting Anghel of Parañaque kids at the Wonderflight ride at the Storyland in SM Southmall.

ALFRED and Annie try this motorbike ride at Storyland in SM Southmall.


ANG Mumunting Anghel kids with Storyland's Lionel, the Lion King.

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ANG Mumunting Anghel of Parañaque kids were treated to a day of fun and excitement at Storyland in SM Southmall.

THESE kids from Ang Mumunting Anghel are treated with merienda after long hours of having rides at Storyland.

MUMUNTING Anghel's John Lemuell with Storyland's Ellie the Elephant.

AUDREY and Francesca's favorite ride, the Storyland's Barnstormer ride.

Straight from the rebonding master's mouth

THERE'S a new hair craze that is taking the metro by storm. More and more Filipinos are trying out Japan's latest technology in hair straightening known as hair rebonding. Any person would want to try out this treatment because of the amazing make over it gives to a person's hair. And why not? People who have tried this treatment no longer experience bad hair days. With this new hair straightening method, girls who used to be cursed with curly-frizzy hair can ramp their way out in the streets with the confidence of a soft, shiny, smooth and natural looking straight hair.

Renowned hair expert, Tony Galvez, is one of the pioneering figures in today's rebonding scene. After a thorough training in Japan, Tony introduced hair rebonding along with a superior rebonding chemical called Narcisse TG-10. Known for his salon's top quality service, Tony made sure that he would only use an excellent brand for his client's benefit.

Narcisse TG-10 suited his enthusiasm for bringing the perfect rebonding treatment in the country. Narcisse TG-10 is not only a powerful rebonding chemical but it is also friendly to any type of hair. It can even be used on colored treated hair and can be applied overtime with no worry of hair damage. This is because Narcisse TG-10 is a product of Iriya Chemical Co. Ltd., a leading cosmetics manufacturer in Japan.

Since it's becoming popular, salons are now grabbing for rebonding clients by doing the marketing of "lowest price scheme." Rebonding for 2,000 bucks might be an attractive offer, but that's as far as it can go when it comes to attractiveness. There had been numerous cases when a usually bad hair day turned into an eternal hair nightmare because people tried to avail of cheap rebonding offers. Rebonding, according to Tony, is meant to be pricey. Internationally, the price of hair rebonding ranges from $200 to $500 (roughly P10,000 to P25,000). Locally, a reliable bonding treatment would cost from P5,000 and up.

Rebonding involves thermolysis, whereby the chemical bonds in the hair will be broken down, rearranged and bonded back permanently. It is a tedious process that requires expertise and care. Meaning, salons that offer this service must be complete with the necessary facilities, chemicals and trained staff.

Tony also warns the public of notorious parlors who would trick you by offering hair rebonding, when actually they know nothing about how to properly perform it; or they will substitute the old hair straightening techniques that give that ugly look of dry carpet-like hair and still make you believe that you paid for a rebonding treatment. So don't be surprised if you will hear tragic rebonding stories of burnt-damaged hair...these victims hastily took the chance and opted to save a few bucks to achieve a lifetime dream of silky soft straight hair.

If you think you want the true rebonding sensation, you really need to spend for it. Don't go for cheaper options because what you are getting are inferior products along with substandard services that can cost you a lot of cash in the long run. It can even cost you your hair. A sure way to get your money's worth is to go to an expert who really cares for the well being of your hair.

Tony Galvez Hair Salon is the best bet for service that will bring out a smile in your face. You should never think twice about having your hair rebonded with Tony Galvez because you will experience an excellent personal service from the rebonding master himself. Because of this personal touch, Tony refuses to franchise his salon. He reasoned that he wouldn't want to compromise the quality already tagged with his name. For this, his salon could solely be found conveniently located at the ground floor of his self-owned Tony Galvez Centrum at 124 9th Ave., Araneta Center, Cubao Q.C. You may call for an appointment at telephone numbers 911-6991 or 912-5930. This is your sanctuary for that dream hair you've always wanted...for whatever it is worth.

BITS Clips

TV special on cancer

"KASAMA sa Panalangin" a Cancer Prayer Concert on NBN Channel 4, will be aired on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 8:30 p.m. The concert is directed by Bobby Ongkiko and Ronnie Ricketts. The program features an ecumenical gathering of religious leaders, the Roman Catholics, Muslims, Buddhists, Iglesia ni Cristo and the National Council of Churches, with testimonials by Rio Diaz-Cojuangco, Chad Borja, Sec. Conrado Limcaoco Jr. and Kara Magsanoc. Entertainment will be provided by Nanette Inventor, Mariz Ricketts, Carlo Orosa, The Oscars, Bukas Palad Music Ministry, INC Choir, NCCP Music Ministry Choir, Children with cancer from UP-PGH (Munting Paraiso), East Avenue Medical Center (Kythe) and Francie Go. The activity was organized by the Department of Health, Philippine Cancer Society and various cancer support groups.

QC Jaycees sponsors Camp Pag-ibig

THE QUEZON City Capitol Jaycees sponsors the ongoing 2-day camp for the handicapped and special children Feb. 15 and 16 at the MWSS Filtration Plant in Quezon City. "Camp Pag-ibig" is an annual event showing love and care for the children's welfare. More than 1,000 children with disabilities are expected to come. Mayor Feliciano Belmonte is set to grace the affair. Now on its 27th year, Camp Pag-ibig was initiated in 1976 by the Philippine Association for the Retarded Inc. in support to the Presidential Proclamation No.1385 or the National Retarded Children's Week (Feb. 14-20). Since then, the camp has been faithfully conducted as a share and commitment to the Social Reform Agenda of every administration. Other sponsoring agencies are the Quezon City government, Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development and Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System.

Business writing for sales people

THE ATV Speakers Network is conducting a special program for people in the sales and marketing professions. The training is titled "Business Writing for Sales People" scheduled for Monday, Feb. 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Splendido Gardens Apartelle at 99 Urban Avenue (formerly Tindalo Street), Makati City. Topics include: Definition of "selling" and "marketing," Developing language skills for sales and marketing, Positive qualities of sales letters, proposals, and brochures, and Planning the sales correspondence. Call Ophie, Judith, and Josie at 896-8790 or 899-8441 for further clarifications.

International conference of coops

THE INTERNATIONAL Co-operative Alliance (ICA) will be holding its 2nd Asia Pacific Co-operative Forum from Feb. 19 to 22 at the International Convention Center, Waterfront Hotel, Cebu City. ICA, an international organization founded in London in 1895, has member co-op organizations from 100 countries representing more than 760 million persons worldwide. The Co-operative Forum, which will be held in the Philippines for the first time, is expected to identify strategies for coops to strengthen their presence as businesses. The Philippines' largest coop network, the National Confederation of Co-operatives (Natcco), will be hosting the event. More than 500 foreign delegates who are coop leaders, executives and advocates will join their Filipino counterparts. For further details, call Natcco at 9137011-15. Events include relevant discussions and cutting-edge presentations by noted co-op experts from Asia Pacific and Europe.

Outstanding Bedans honored this February

ALL graduates of San Beda College are invited to gather for two big events to be staged by the SBC Alumni Association and Foundation this February to honor the outstanding Bedans in various fields of endeavor.

On the SBC Annual Red and White Ball on Feb. 20 to be held at the NBC Tent, Bonifacio Global City, This year's recipient of the 2nd Ramon V. Mitra Bedan Award for legislation, is Hon. Oscar S. Romero, representative of the 1st District of Misamis Oriental. He shall be feted for effectively bringing about meaningful legislation which improved the lot of many impoverished members of the Philippine society. Oscar Moreno is the second Bedan to receive the award after last year's recipient Raul Roco. Other Bedans shall be given special recognition for their contributions in sports development and other fields.

The black-tie affair shall also raise funds to help finance academic scholarships and professorial chairs in the college. Meanwhile, all Bedans are invited in the San Beda Grand Alumni Homecoming on Feb. 22 to be hosted by the High School Classes of 1953 and 1978. A Eucharistic Celebration for all alumni is scheduled at 2 p.m. at the Abbey Church of Our Lady of Montserrat to be followed by the grand Homecoming Program at 5 p.m. at the SBC Quadrangle.

For inquiries to both events, Bedans may contact the SBC Alumni secretariat (c/o professor Joffre Alajar or Ms Wilma Abellanosa) at 735-5995.

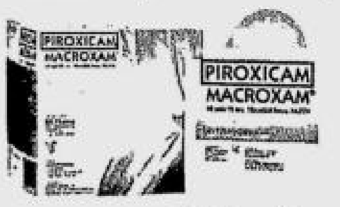
Product FILES

World's first NSAid in a transdermal patch

CONSTANT research has been conducted to deliver better means of treating pain, in the belief that science should be able to cope with the ever-changing pace of society. Every moment counts. Thus, when illness strikes, people are more inclined to prefer treatment which will not only guarantee relief but will also provide convenience in carrying out their daily tasks.

This has led to further studies on how to enable a drug as potent as Piroxicam to be used without its unfavorable side effects.

Piroxicam, when orally taken, has harmful side effects. Users experience a higher incidence of gastrointestinal irritation which could lead to bleeding. Like most orally administered drugs, it can damage your kidneys and liver. Hence, the drug cannot be used for the treatment of diseases, which require longer therapy with twice-a-day oral administration. Nevertheless, research has revealed Piroxicam is a potentially effective drug for pain.



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Inday does one-on-one with Vilma in 'Heart to Heart' today on GMA 7

STAR for All Seasons Vilma Santos will have a one-on-one with Inday Badiday on "Heart to Heart," 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. today on GMA 7.

Although now affiliated with another network, Vilma was with GMA 7 for many years.

To date, the award-winning actress still speaks fondly of the "Kapuso" network and its people, grateful for the love, support and understanding it gave her.

Vilma talks about her multi-faceted roles as mother to Luis and Ryan Christian, wife to Sen. Ralph Recto, mayor of Lipa City and durable actress adored by the public and esteemed by her peers.

In "Heart to Heart," Vilma reveals little-known aspects of her life, thanks to Inday's probing questions.

"Heart to Heart" has been getting a lot of good feedback for the heartfelt way Inday conducts her one-on-one, making guests open their heart without embarrassing or compromising them.

Leave it to Inday Badiday, the original queen of talk, to put her guests at ease.

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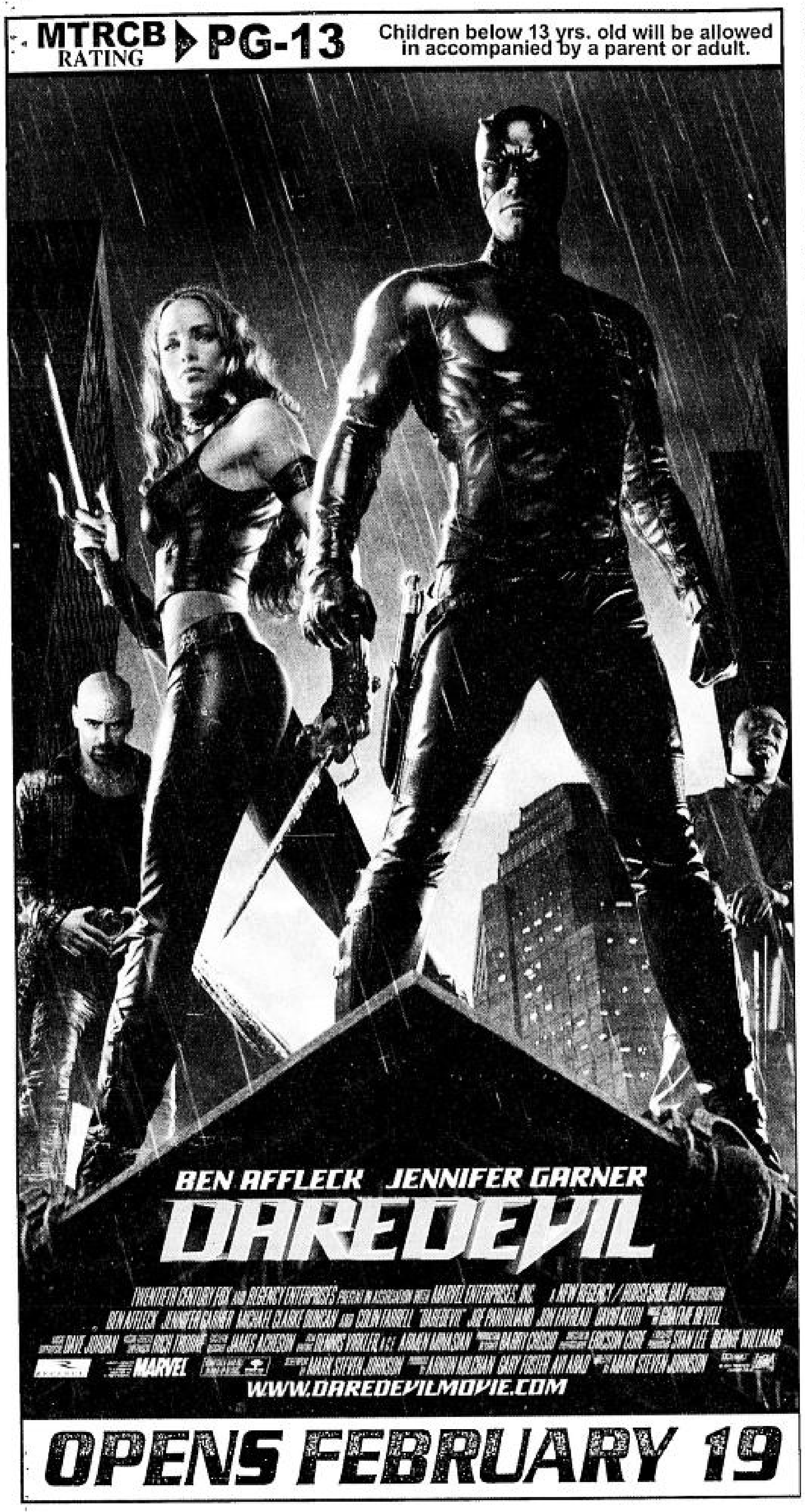
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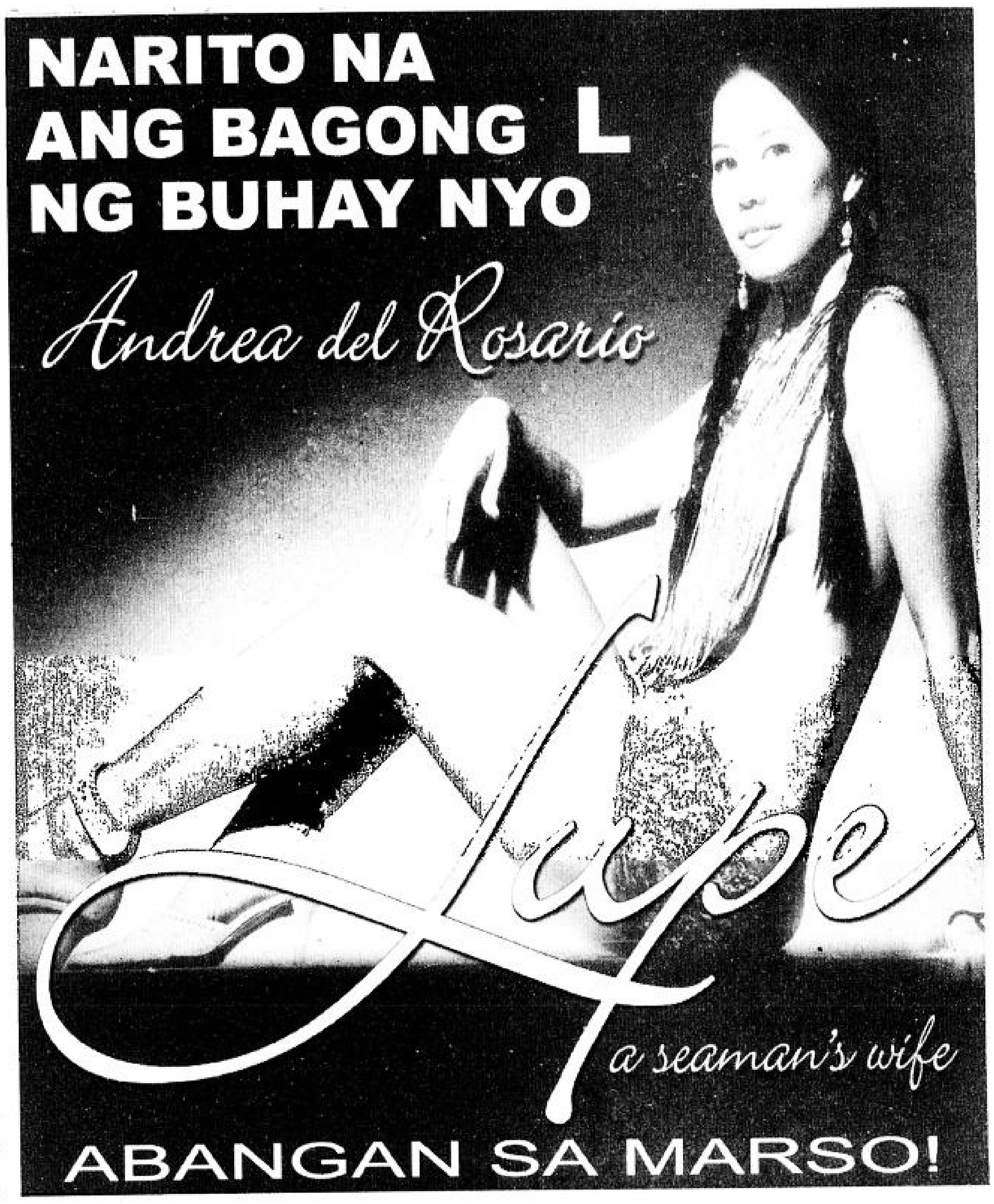
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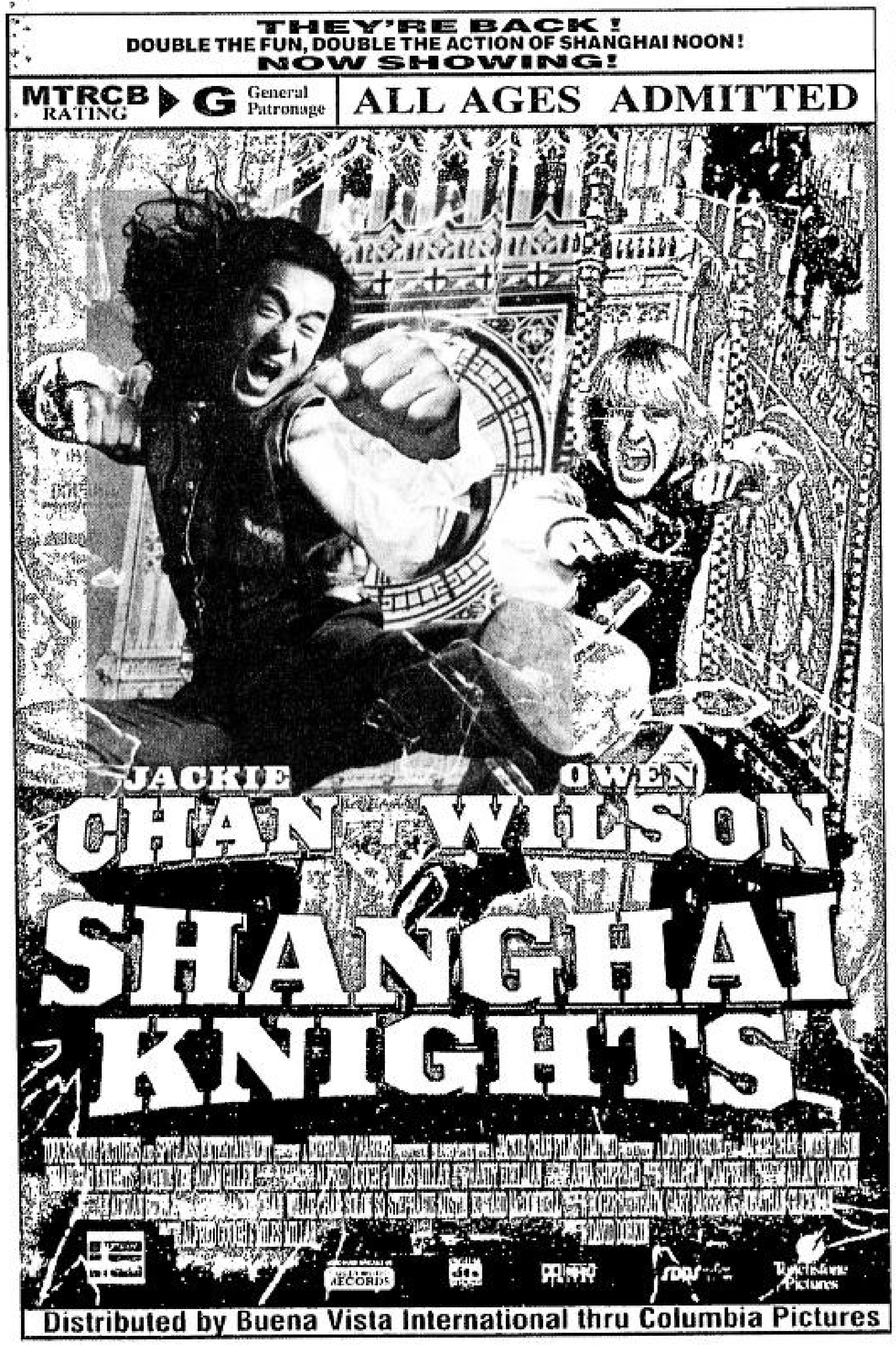
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Mikey looks forward to normal life in 2004

By Marinel R. Cruz

PRESIDENTIAL son and Pampanga Vice Governor Mikey Arroyo is looking forward to a normal life come 2004, when his mother is no longer president.

He said his whole family felt relieved when President Macapagal-Arroyo announced in Baguio City last Dec. 30 that she was not running in the next presidential elections.

"Ours is not the type of family that would grab fame, wealth and power like other families," Mikey tells the INQUIRER. "We regard my mom's work as temporary. We no longer want to live a life in a fish bowl."

Mikey laments that other people tend to be too hard on public figures like him and his mother.

"They raise hell whenever they feel that we've committed mistakes. But when we do something good for them, we're lucky enough to even hear them say 'thank you,'" he said.

But despite his mother's withdrawal from the presidential race, the Pampanga vice governor still expressed his intention to run as congressman in his province in the 2004 elections.

"My political career is not dependent on my mom's," Mikey points out. "Ours is not co-terminus. I believe I can serve my people better by representing them in Congress."

Mikey is planning to run as representative of Pampanga's second district, composed of the towns of Floridablanca, Porac, Sta. Rita, Sasmuan and Guagua. The said district has 260,000 voters.

If he is elected as congressman, Mikey vows to give up show biz in pursuant to Section 90 of the Local Government Code, which prohibits elected local officials from practicing their profession or engaging in any occupation other than the exercises of their functions as local executives.

"Politics must be viewed as public service and not as means to earn money," Mikey reasons out.

When asked about the impending 10-percent value-added tax (VAT) increase on entertainers, athletes, doctors and other high-income earning professionals, Mikey said he is in favor of its imposition, although he admits that he does not fully understand the mechanics of the law.

"There is nothing we artists could do but to comply. It's the law," the actor said.

Mikey has been acting in films for almost five years now. His first was FLT Films' "Anak, Pagsubok Lang 'Yan," which had Robin Padilla in the lead.

Mikey's latest starrer is with top comedians Ogie Alcasid, Andrew E and Rufa Mae Quinto in a Viva Films' comedy flick, "A.B. Normal College."

Mikey was noticeably not wearing his wedding ring at the press conference of his new movie, thus fueling speculations that his marriage with wife Angela Montenegro is on the rocks.

After only seven months of being married, Mikey had to dispel rumors that he and his wife are no longer together. Their disagreement was reportedly caused by Angela's disapproval of his show biz career.

Mikey's rumored romantic involvement with his leading ladies such as Judy Ann Santos ("Mahal Kita, Kahit Sino Ka Pa"), LJ Moreno ("Di Kita Ma-Reach") and Rufa Mae ("A.B. Normal"), was reportedly straining the couple's relationship even more.

"People who say awful things about me have no right to do that because they don't know me," Mikey says. "I'm not the only actor who has been linked to his leading lady. It's a normal thing in show biz."

Mikey does not deny that he courted Rufa Mae when he was still a bachelor, but he insisted that they were never an item.

"She is a very nice girl. A lot of men are attracted to her, too," the 32-year-old actor adds.

> He laments that other people tend to be too hard on public figures like him and his mother

CONGRESS-BOUND. Presidential son Mikey Macapagal-Arroyo insists his political career is not co-terminus with his mother's.

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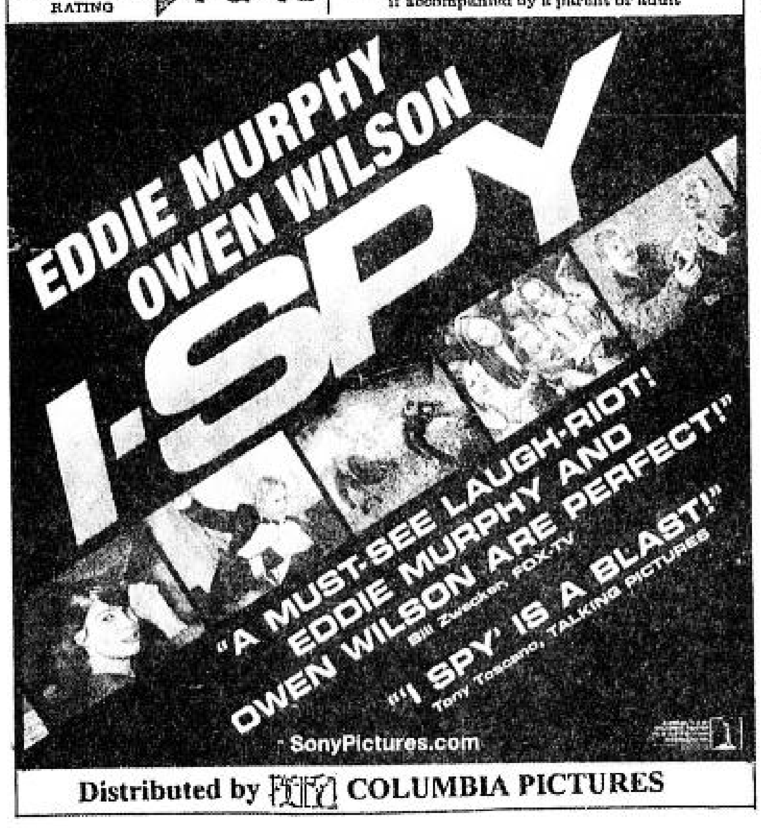

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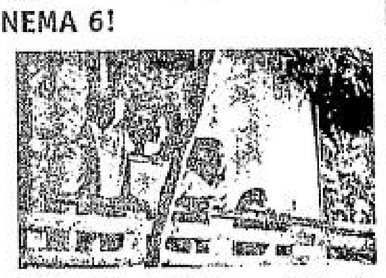

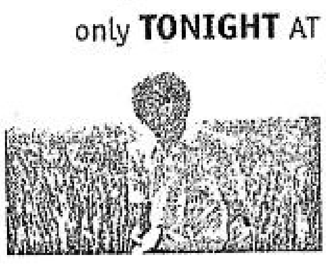

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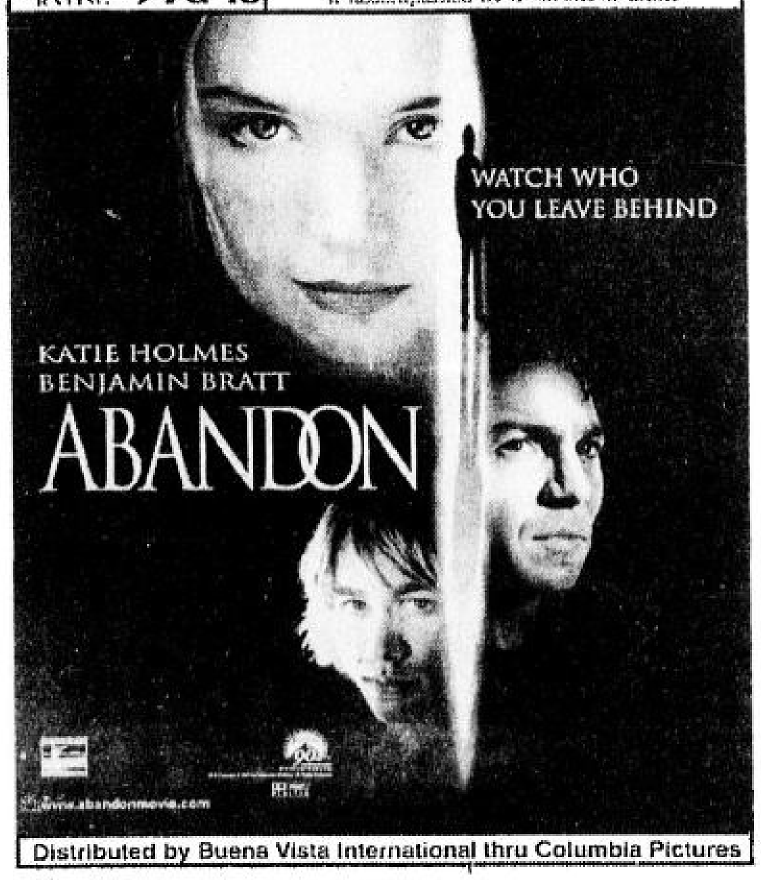

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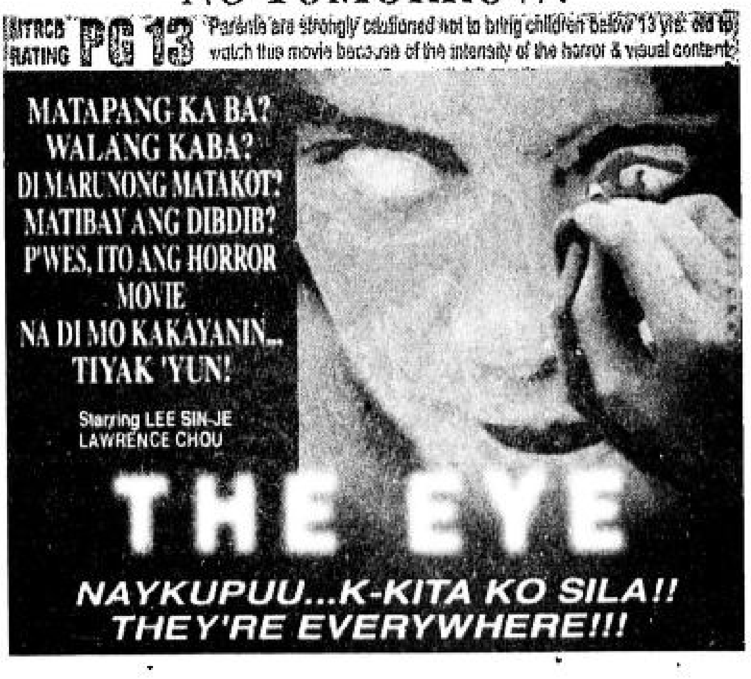

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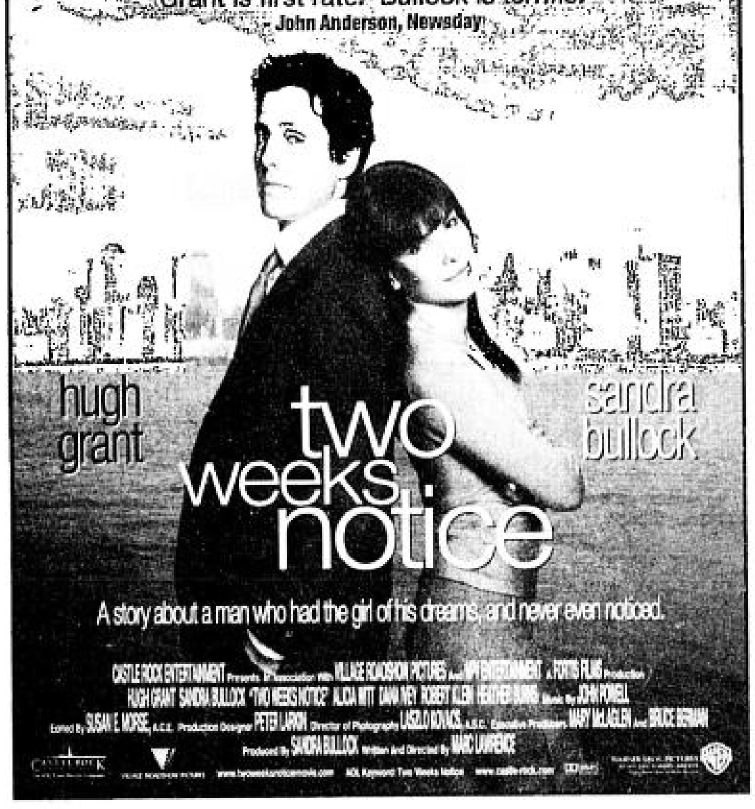

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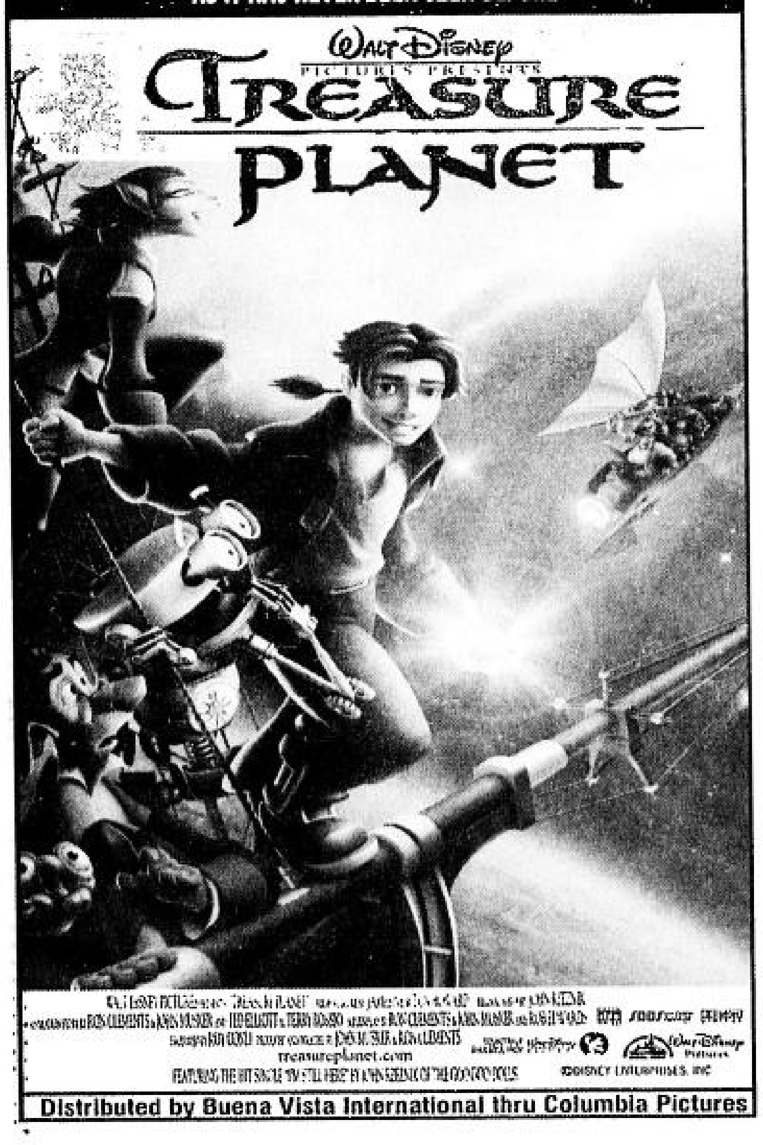

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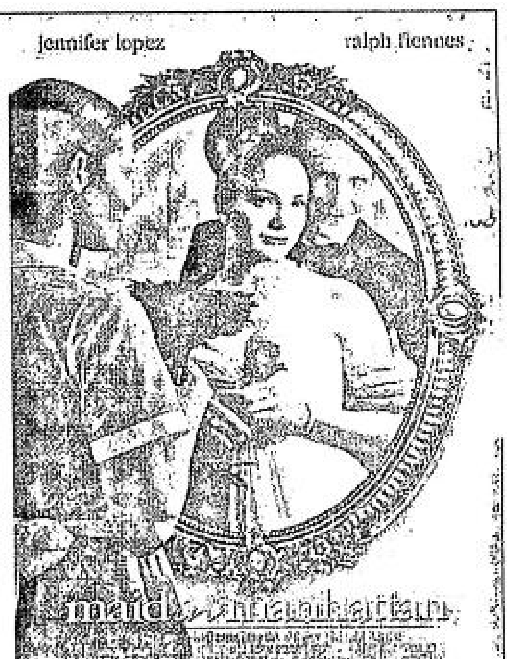

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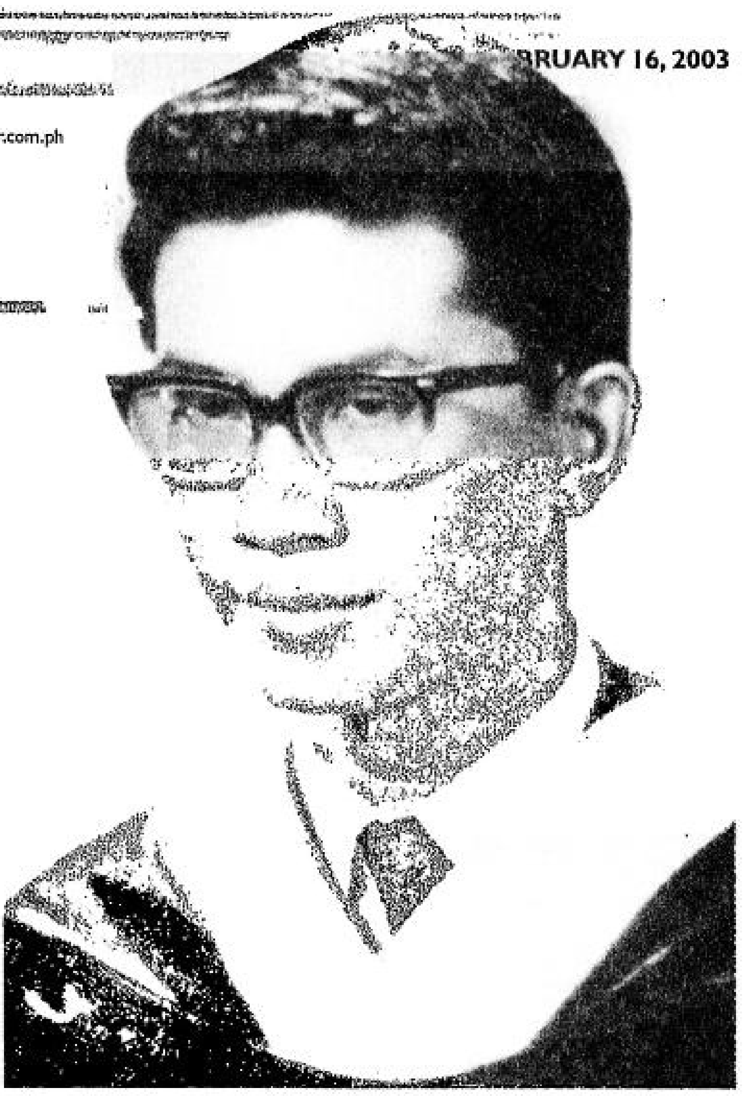

AQUINO circa 1968

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

FIRST JOB

WHEN Ayala Corp. bid and then won the right to distribute water to the east zone of Metro Manila in August. 1997, many dismissed it as a venture that was bound to fail.

After all, there were considerable problems facing Ayala Corp.'s Manila Water Co., not the least of which was the daunting task of taking over the management of over 1,400 employees of the state-run MWSS.

Ayala senior managing director Filemon T. Berba Jr. first took on the challenge, and after a year, the duties fell squarely on the shoulders of fellow Ayala director Antonino T. Aquino.

Aquino took over the company when it was still having financial problems, and employees were concerned over what would become of them after the take over.

At that time also, MWSS had as many as 40 expatriates on the payroll and it had to quickly improve the efficiency of water distribution to thousands of customers.

But just three years later, morale among the former MWSS employees has significantly improved, water service is faster and Manila Water Corp. has managed to post a profit despite the drop in the value of the peso against the dollar, which increased debt payments.

Aquino is quick to point out that Manila Water was able to post these gains largely because the employees got together to forge a "Manila Water culture" that was a happy fusion of the best qualities of the Ayala group's philosophy and that of the former government employees.

The road to developing that harmony within diversity was difficult to say the least, but then Aquino knew that it could be done, since what he is today is a product of what he has picked up from different companies, and different people since the time he started working in 1968 at 21 years old.

Marketing trainee

Aquino first worked as a marketing trainee of IBM Corp. in the Philippines after obtaining a degree in Business Management from the Ateneo de Manila University.

He remembers earning P500 a month for the entry-level position, which was generous considering that his other option was a P380 a month job.

In those days, a single person can live comfortably with P500 and even manage to set aside P100 in savings.

"When I first started working, I helped our president Roberto Romulo do presentations. Remember that those were the days before Power Point so I had to do the flipcharts manually and organize the content myself," Aquino tells SundayBiz.

He also loaded computer information on keypunch cards at that time when IBM was selling minicomputers. It may be hard to picture but in those days, it took a room full of equipment to provide the same computing power as today's personal computer.

Unlike other CEOs of today, Aquino did not sprint his way to the top. As he is fond of telling the cadet engineers or new employees of Manila Water, it took him all of seven years to become a manager.

He stayed with IBM for five more years before Ayala Corp. hired him in 1980 to head the computer systems division. In eight years he gathered enough experience and showed enough ability to be named senior vice president Ayala Land Inc., which was spun off that year from Ayala Corp.

Aquino was also named president of the Ayala Property Management Corp. which supervised the operations of the Ayala group's property such as buildings, the commercial centers and also the water system of the Ayala Alabang village.

The experience in handling the water system of the village, reputedly the most sophisticated in the metropolis, became his springboard to taking over the reins of Manila Water Co.

The 56-year-old Aquino may have worked for only two companies in his long career but he said these two prepared him well for his job as MWC president.

From IBM, Aquino says he learned the value of strictly following systems and procedures in pursuit of a goal. The American company, he said, was known for having a procedure for everything.

"IBM had the advantage of having operations all over the world so it was able to collect the best practices from the different countries. This means that they know the best way to do things because it has already been done elsewhere. I learned that there," Aquino says.

With IBM's process-oriented approach to operations as a strong foundation, Aquino then learned how to be something of an entrepreneur under the Ayala group.

"In Ayala, the stress is on empowerment. People are generally left on their own to do what they feel they should as long as they deliver results. It was a lot more personal," he says.

Aquino used what he learned from both companies in his present

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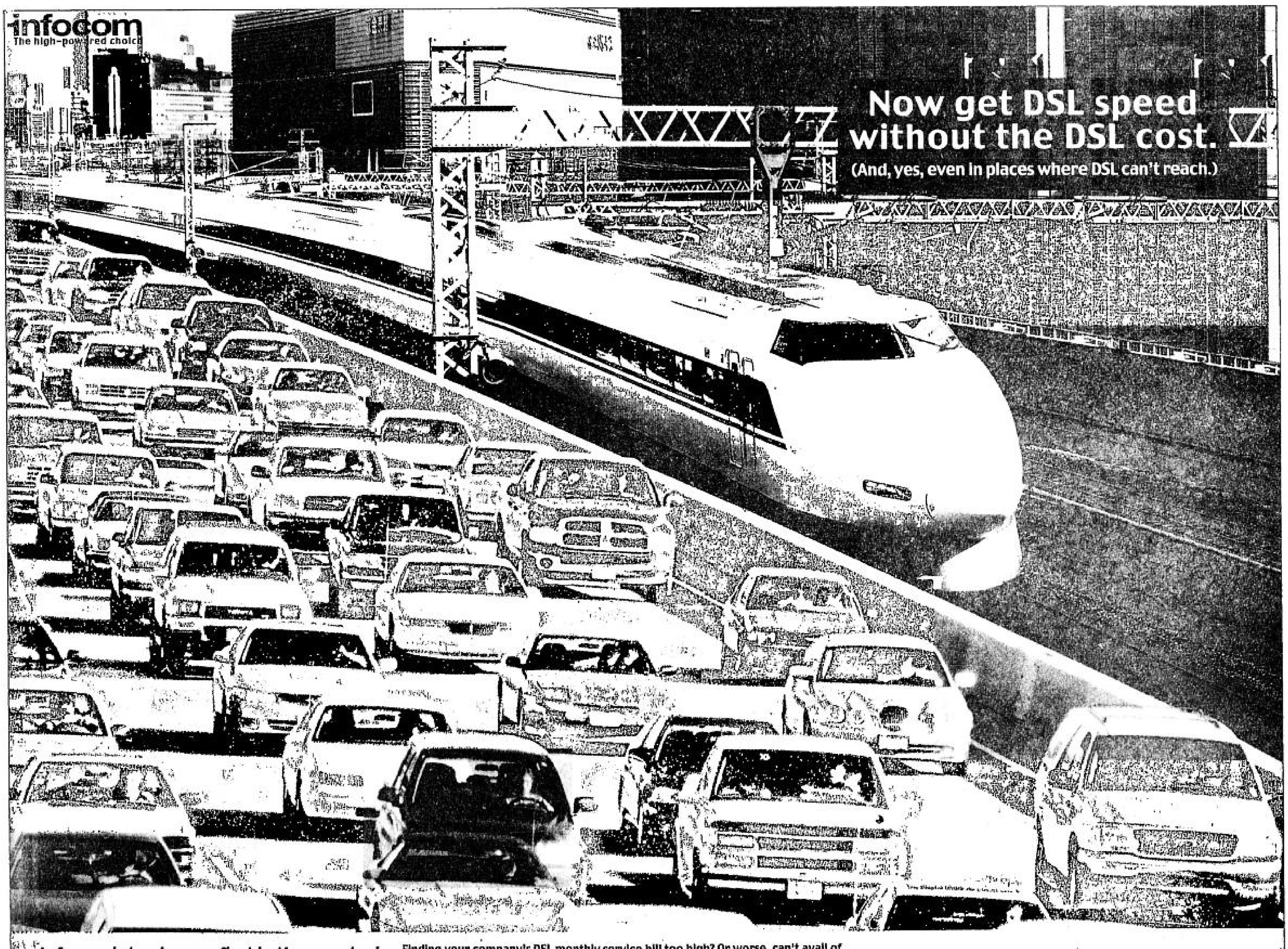
IRLS reign in the Aquino family. From left Tony, Anina, Regie, wife Mambie and Yelly



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Leadership as a way of life

CHIEF Justice Hilario Davide Jr. delivers the keynote address at the AYLC.

By Regina Filamor
Contributor

SUPREME Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr. encouraged the delegates to "stay rooted to their own principles and values" and, like stars, "be leaders that generate their own light and help others realize their own brilliance." The Ramon Magsaysay 2002 Awardee for Government Service called the young people assembled from Feb. 5 to 7, an "instrument of change."

Davide was keynote speaker at the 5th Ayala Young Leaders Youth Congress (AYLC), which was attended Feb. 5 to 7 by 76 selected young leaders from all over the country and members of the Ayala Corporation and professionals from different fields.

Theme of the congress, one of the Ayala group's ways to show its commitment to national development, was "Everyday Leadership: A Way of Life."

Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala,

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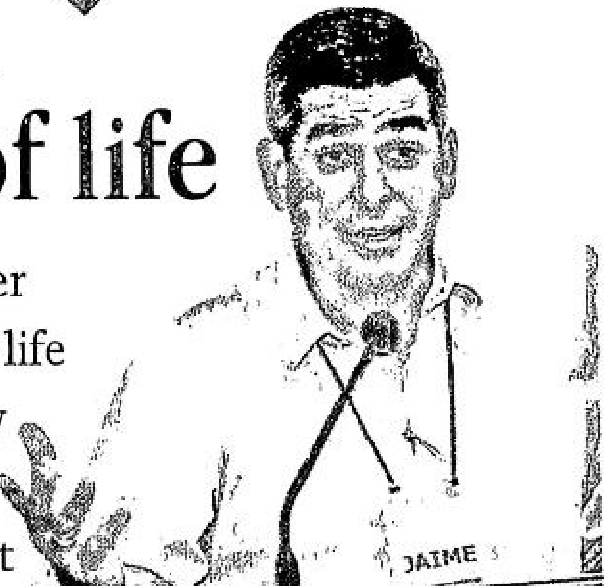
> 'Being a leader in one's daily life can hopefully create a domino effect of change'



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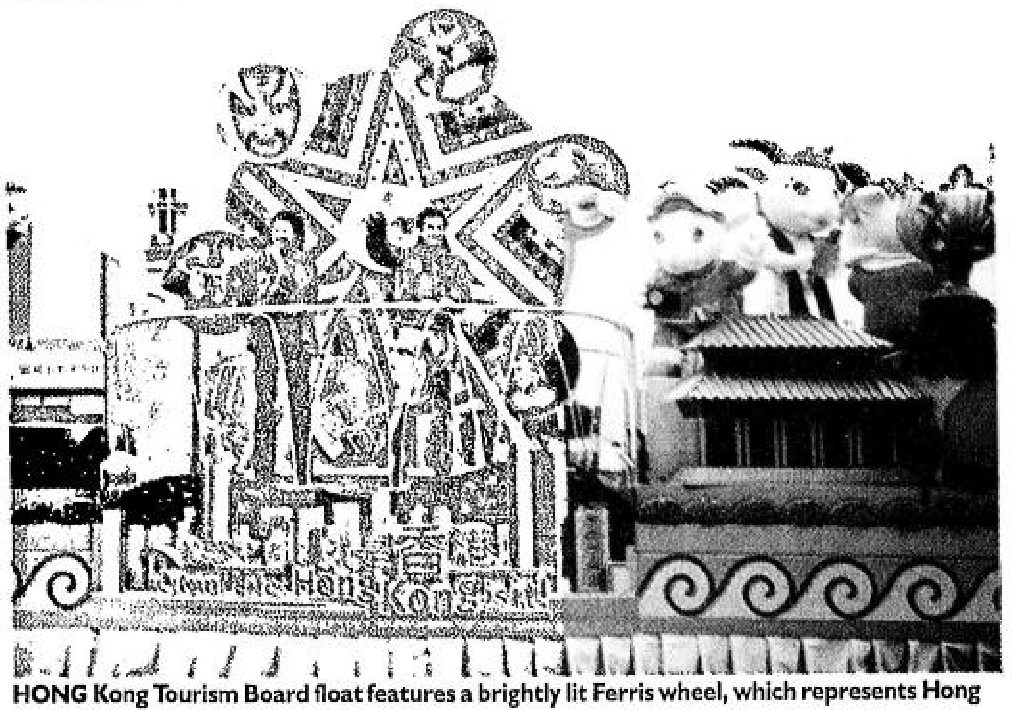
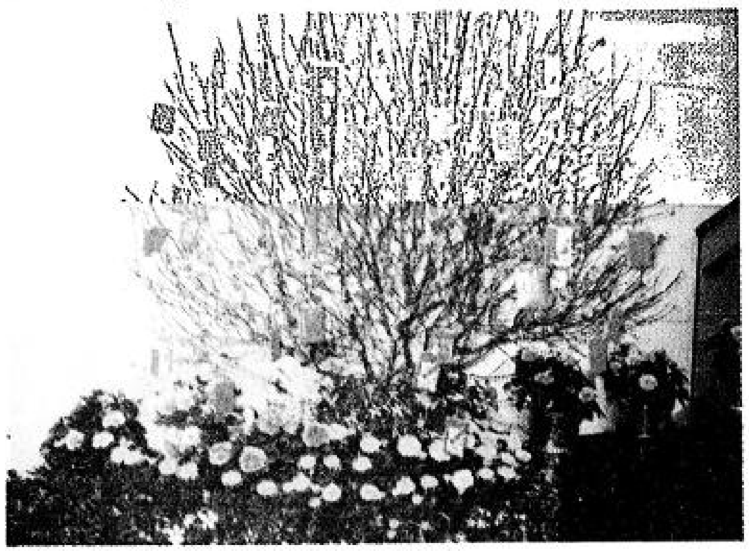


HONG Kong Tourism Board float features a brightly lit Ferris wheel, which represents Hong Kong attractions: shopping, dining, culture, heritage and festivals.

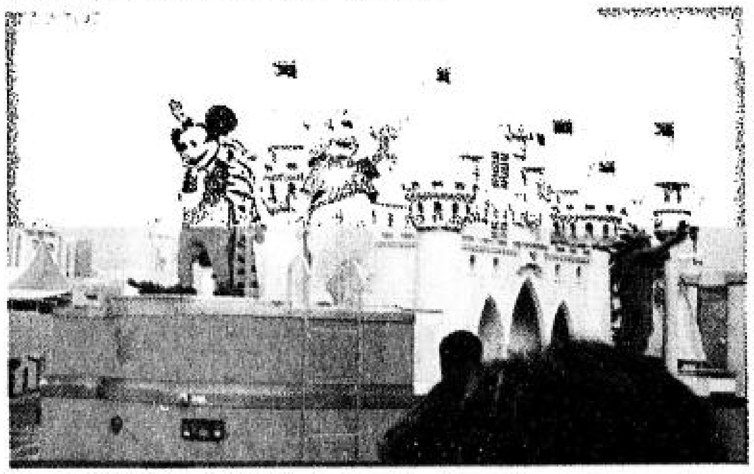
Hong Kong celebration showcases Chinese tradition

Text and photos by Vangie Baga-Reyes

A STUFFED toy greets visitors "Kung Hei Fat Choy!"



LAI SEE (small red envelopes) for good luck



MICKEY Mouse and Winnie the Pooh lead the Hong Kong Disneyland float.

HONG Kong is never more colorful than during the Chinese New Year celebrations. The city's skyscrapers glow with bright lights, fabulous parades wind through the streets, and hundreds of thousands of people, including foreigners, watch the million-dollar fireworks display at Victoria Harbor, which this year hailed the Year of the Goat.

"Hong Kong prides itself in being the 'world capital' for Chinese New Year celebrations," said Clara Chong, executive director of the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB).

With Cathay Pacific Airways, HKTB invited media representatives from Asia and Europe to experience how Hong Kong marks the start of a new year in the Chinese Lunar calendar.

"We've been doing these revelries for eight years now in order to strengthen Hong Kong's position as the 'events capital of Asia,'" said Chong. "[The New Year] is a great time to [visit] Hong Kong [to] catch the best of Chinese culture [and] spectacular entertainment."

The Chinese generally mark the holiday by visiting relatives so about 60 percent of the locals left Hong Kong to visit relatives in mainland China while about 20 percent toured neighboring Asian countries. Interestingly, the bulk of HK visitors this year were from the mainland. According to HKTB figures, more than 360,000 people came to HK, of which 200,000 were from the mainland.

Chinese traditions

Part of the excitement in being in Hong Kong during the New Year was experiencing the rich Chinese tradition. Like the Chinese in the Philippines, red envelopes—*lai see*—were generously exchanged along with wishes for prosperity. The packets were given by elders to younger people, married couples to single friends and employers to their workers.

To Chinese everywhere, New Year was also "reunion time." Feasting with family and friends is a tradition dating back to thousands of years.

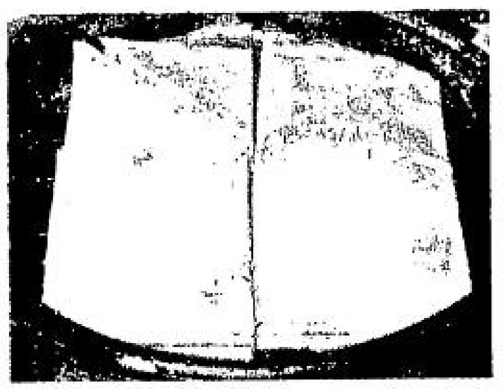
The most important meal during the week-long celebration was the New Year's Eve dinner, the one night when the whole family was expected to eat together. Dishes would include clams or scallops, as shells symbolize coins, or a whole roast pig, which symbolizes peace and purity. Luxurious foods, like shark's fin or bird's nest soup, represent rarity. Dinners usually ended with noodles, which symbolize longevity.

In the past, traditional celebrations would be held in the family home. These days, Hong Kong people would rather go to restaurants, that offer banquets of exquisitely prepared foods like the big bowl feast or *poon tsoi*.

Poon tsoi, prepared in a big metal bowl, consists of braised pork, beef, lamb, chicken, duck, abalone, sea cucumber, pigskin, bean curd, fish, dried eel, prawn, crab, dried mushrooms, fish balls and radish. The ingredients are placed in a basin in layers. Ingredients that absorb the gravy such as radish, dried eel, shrimps, pig skin and bean curd are placed at the bottom. Braised pork is in the middle layer and on top are chicken, duck, fish and prawn.

We were told the usual practice was to finish the *poon tsoi* layer by layer instead of mixing everything up.

THE CHINESE partake of traditional *poon tsoi*, a big bowl dish consisting of braised pork, chicken, duck, eel, prawn, pigskin, beancurd, fish balls and radish.



THE TRADITIONAL dessert of sponge cake, made of egg yolk, sugar, flour and vegetable, symbolizes prosperity.

Prosperity on the table

Nearly every dish served during Chinese New Year, including its ingredients, has meaning. "Foods are believed to directly affect your fortune for the coming year, so it's wise to watch what we eat," said Cynthia Leung, HKTB's corporate communications manager. Food may be considered lucky because of its name or because of its appearance.

> The New Year is a great time to catch the best of Chinese culture and entertainment in Hong Kong

While every family will have its own traditions, some practices and themes—wealth, health and good fortune—are universal. For example, the number of courses in a banquet is usually even because multiples of two represent double happiness and good fortune. But a nine-course banquet is acceptable because the Chinese word for nine is similar to the word for "plenty."

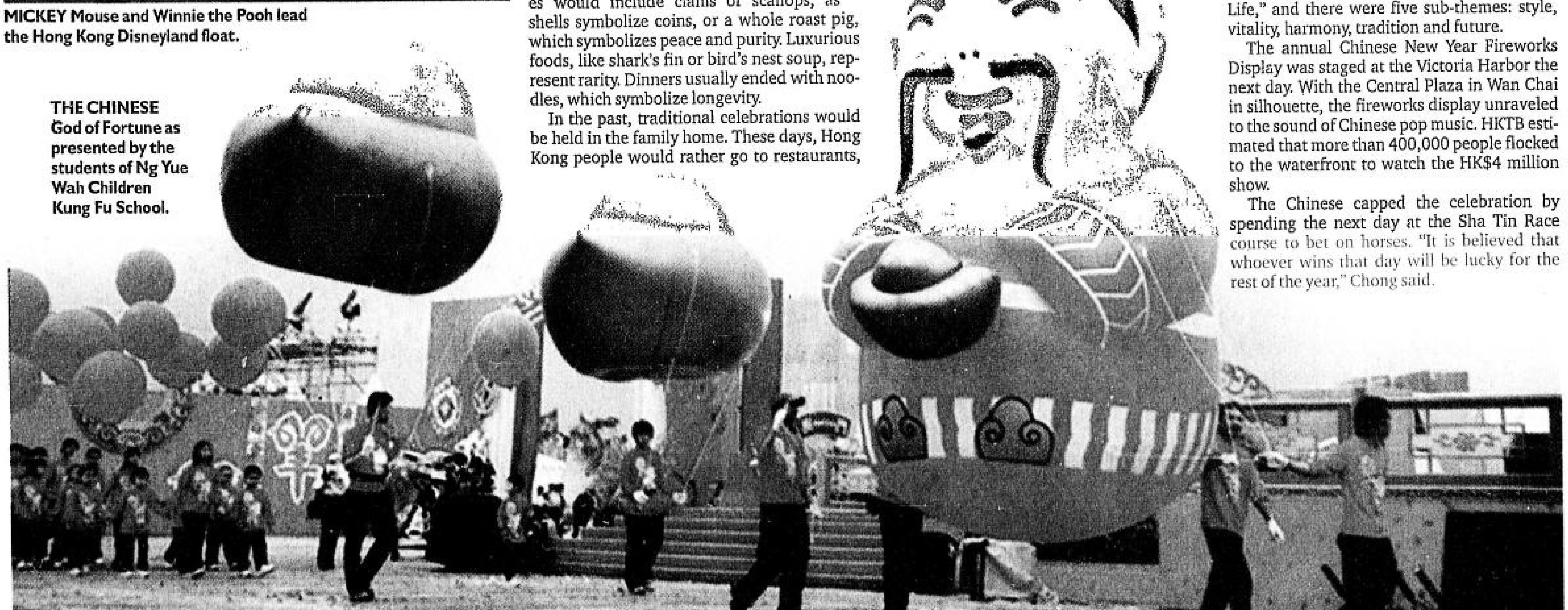
Celebration highlights

The week-long celebration in Hong Kong was highlighted by three events: a parade, fireworks display and racing. Cathay Pacific was the sponsor for the International Chinese New Year parade, which featured lavishly decorated floats, local and international performing groups, marching bands, with a troupe of American and British cheerleaders, and the traditional lion and dragon dances.

It started and finished at the Tamar Site in Central, passing through the streets of Wan Chai. About 200,000 spectators lined the parade route. The main theme was "Celebrate Life," and there were five sub-themes: style, vitality, harmony, tradition and future.

The annual Chinese New Year Fireworks Display was staged at the Victoria Harbor the next day. With the Central Plaza in Wan Chai in silhouette, the fireworks display unraveled to the sound of Chinese pop music. HKTB estimated that more than 400,000 people flocked to the waterfront to watch the HK$4 million show.

The Chinese capped the celebration by spending the next day at the Sha Tin Race course to bet on horses. "It is believed that whoever wins that day will be lucky for the rest of the year," Chong said.



THE CHINESE God of Fortune as presented by the students of Ng Yue Wah Children Kung Fu School.

ON A WING AND A PRAYER

Teutonic tryst, Parisian passion

By Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB
Contributor

ON OCT. 6, I left Bangkok, and after a three-day stopover in Rome where I visited Mother Irene Dabalus, my good friend and our Mother General, I landed in Frankfurt on Oct. 9. Unfortunately, Lufthansa left my luggage in Rome so the two student assistants, Christine and Sandra, had to wait a long time as I gave directions to the Lufthansa personnel for the delivery of my luggage.

The assistants brought me to my apartment—actually a studio in Ditmarstrasse no. 4—a guesthouse for all the foreign guest professors of the University of Frankfurt. When you come through the door, you have a kitchen on the left side and the bathroom toilet on the right. Then you go to the bedroom, which also has a table both for study and dining.

The first thing I noticed was that the room was so masculine—in browns and beige, no picture on the wall, wooden cabinets, tables and chairs. At least there was a white "Pfeilchen" plant on the table.

Since I would have to cook for myself, Christine brought me to buy the grocery I would need for the next week.

I still had seven days before my first lecture, so I took time to study my surroundings. The villa is really a handsome one owned by some rich people who donated it to the university. Later on, the librarian would tell me, "We ordinary people cannot live in such a high-class villa."

After some days, I realized there would be very little chance of meeting the other inhabitants of the house. Each apartment is an isolated island, and there is no common room where people could meet.

My first chance to meet my neighbor was when I cooked and noticed that even if I had turned off the electric stove, it kept on being hot. Fearing that I might burn the house down, I knocked on the door opposite my apartment. That is how I met Prof. Michael Zank and his family. He is the Martin Buber Foundation professor, a Jewish scholar from the US. His family is just visiting him for a week.

Another time I met my other neighbors was when there was a blackout and all of us came out of our apartments. So I met Peter and Patricia Austin. He is a New Zealander and she is Italian; they belong to the linguistic department.

The next day, Sandra showed me how to use the buses and the underground. We went to the old city and visited some churches and shopping centers. Then on another day, Katharina, another of my student assistants who are now called "Mary John's angels," brought me to the Zoo.

Then the important day came: Oct. 16. I was a bit nervous because this was the opening lecture and all the University administrators would be there. There would also be guests, including the representative of the bishop. There was a formal handing of my contract and I started the lecture using a PowerPoint. (By the way, they said I was the first guest professor to use PowerPoint). It went well, but after one and a half hour of lecturing in German, I was tired and I had a stiff jaw. After that everything went okay.

Homily

I was also asked to give the homily at the opening Mass. I chose as topic "Youth and Prophecy." Among other things, I challenged the women to be committed to the women's cause. I

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ON THE BOAT. The author on the Rhine river on her way to the shrine of Hildegarde from Bingen

After an hour-and-a-half of lecturing in German, I began to have a stiff jaw

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Embraced by an inclusive community

TLC aims to establish classroom communities and learning environments that support all kinds of learners

By Anna Romualdez-Lichauco
Contributor

WALK into The Learning Child School, a primary and elementary school in Ayala Alabang Village, and you will be amazed at the many communicative interactions taking place.

As you enter a classroom, you will hear conversations. At various times throughout the day, you will notice excitement and interest among the learners as they engage in various projects. As you tour the place, you will note the pride of your "guide," as he or she notes the areas for special kinds of work and activities, and shares the accomplishments of the students.

TLC is a community of learners engaged in activities that aim to encourage interaction and cooperative learning. Establishing classroom communities and learning environments that support all learners regardless of individual needs is one of TLC's goals.

In the learning community, teams of teachers implement several kinds of partnerships for inclusion ranging from learners who differ from their peers in their interactions and behaviors to students who differ in their learning rates and styles.

Responding to special needs

With the support of the directress and the principal, special and general educators designed a learning environment structured to respond to the academic and social-emotional needs of at least 22 learners diagnosed and identified as having some type of learning disability, such as ADD or ADHD (Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder), Down's Syndrome, Autism, Dyslexia, emotional disorders or motor disabilities.

A special education teacher is assigned to each grade, thus, allowing two adults to support instruction in the classroom at all times. The special education teachers implement the initial work of inclusion with the general education teachers, who are willing to share their classrooms.

During the first year of the Inclusion Program in 1997, the special education teachers did not share in the instruction but provided support to students with special needs. As the program enters its seventh year, the special education teachers work alongside general education teachers, gathering resources, suggesting strategies that can work for all learners, and teaching all students together as a team.

All alike

Although the teachers manage learners in different ways, they think about their students in the same way. The teachers observe their students and evaluate their development. They become excited over their wards' accomplishments and value their learning styles.

Through the years, the teachers have shared ideas and learned from each other. The collaborative team designs a learning environment that encourages and invites all learners to develop academic as well as social and communication skills. No specific elements could be credited as contributing to the success of the students.

In TLC, instruction in social skills is given throughout the day. Learners get all kinds of opportunities to learn and practice social skills such as turn-taking, seeking clarification, negotiation, and listening to ideas as they engage in group activities.

From a segregated beginning, the inclusive community of TLC grew in six years. Its Inclusion Program's enrollment has more than tripled, from five students in its first year in 1997, to the current 22, who attend general education classes with support from the special education teachers, receive individualized programming, and participate in the school's daily activities. The Inclusion Program has graduated several students, who have attended high schools able to address their diverse learning rates and styles.

The students of TLC learn to navigate as a community together rather than simply learning about one another. In the coeducational institution, students work, play and pray together as complete human beings. They learn that the worst disabilities are ignorance and intolerance.

Helen Keller was once asked, "What could be worse than not being able to see?" She replied, "Being able to see and having no vision" (1904). TLC is helping the community see and have a vision for inclusion.

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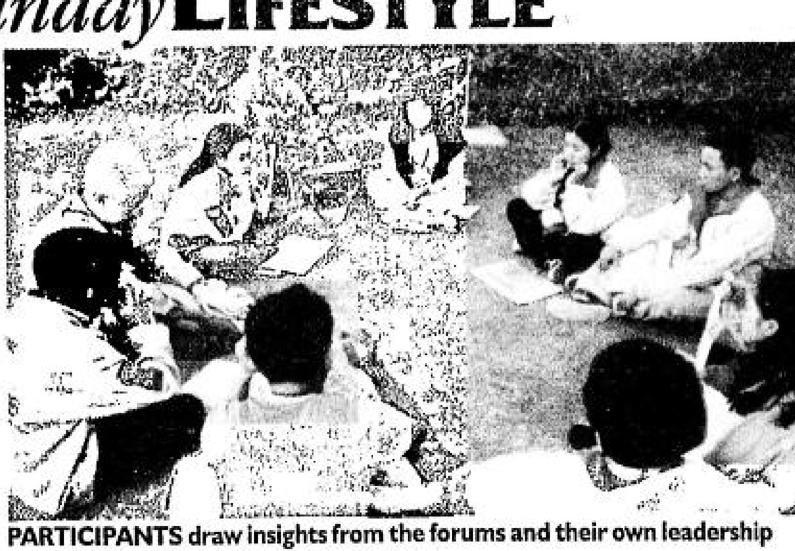

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PHYSICAL challenges teach lessons in trust, teamwork and camaraderie.

Leadership as a way of life

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president and CEO of Ayala Corporation, emphasized in his opening remarks that "there are solutions (to the challenges the country faced) and the key is to start small. Being a leader in one's daily life can hopefully create a domino effect of change."

Participants, chosen because of their involvement in community and university concerns, were graduates and undergraduates, 36 percent from Luzon, 33 percent from the National Capital Region, 22 percent form the Visayas and 9 percent from Mindanao. For three days, they reflected and developed the idea of everyday leadership.

MALOU Mangahas pushes for ethics in journalism and in other fields.

Stefanni Cacho of the Philippine Military Academy said delegates "had the same goals but different approaches."

Different speakers addressed the group and conducted open forums.

On the right path

Afterwards, Orlan Nugpo of the Central Philippine University in Iloilo said, "Being here is an affirmation that I am on the right path. I want to remain a person of integrity and honesty. If I encounter realities that contradict my principles, I won't have to compromise. It's encouraging to be surrounded by people who think and act the same way."

Josette Biyo, 2002 Intel Foundation Excellence in Teaching Awardee; Chit Juan, CEO of the Figaro Coffee Company; Lory Tan, president of the World Wildlife Fund-Philippines; and Rufino Bumasong, president and CEO of PNOC-EC participated in the session on Examples of Everyday Leadership hosted by ABS-CBN Foundation executive director Tina Monzon-Palma.

Filmmaker Marilou Diaz-Abaya, Paco Sandejas, president of Brain Gain Ventures; and Malou Mangahas, member of the board of editors, Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, led the workshop on Factors that Influence Everyday Leadership hosted by economist and broadcaster Solita Monsod.

FERNANDO, Jaime and Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala take time off from their busy schedules every year to join the AYLC participants.

Tagaytay City

AYLC invited speakers Josette Biyo, Rufino Bomasang, Pacita Juan and Jose Ma. Lorenza Tan

The delegates were straightforward in voicing their concerns and opinions. An engineering student asked Sandejas about the emphasis on information technology when the country needed electrical engineers. Sandejas responded that people should focus on what was of interest to them to be successful.

Co-vice chair and executive managing director, Fernando Zobel de Ayala, noted "the incredible chemistry of reaction" while program director Victoria Garchitorena observed than the group was "more articulate than previous ones (with) a very sharp awareness of the state of the country."

Tex Odsey of Saint Louis University, who had to conquer personal fears as he participated in a wall-climbing activity, said he was surprised to "entrust his life to people who were but strangers to him two days ago."

True responsibility

Maila dela Victoria Mitra of Ateneo de Davao University said she learned "what responsibility truly is once a virtual stranger entrusted his safety and protection to me."

Both said the AYLC "renewed their passion" for the work they were doing.

Launched in 1998 as part of the Ayala Group of Companies' youth development program, the AYLC aimed to hone the participants' leadership skills and potential.

An alumnus, RJ Jalot, said after the conference "you would realize that anything is possible. The most difficult part is motivating people and actualizing the vision."

AYLC delegates are chosen based on academic excellence, leadership position and accomplishments. A total of 150 out of 400 applicants were interviewed and 76 were chosen due to emotional maturity, thinking, skills, self-confidence, interpersonal skills and communication skills.

MARILOU Diaz-Abaya is flanked by delegate Cristina Odjinar and AYLC alumna Jacquelyn Rogong

Jackets, given primarily as protection against the Tagaytay cold, also signified the wearers' life-changing potential. Thus at the end of the congress, participants were encouraged to "wear the jacket inside you."

Fernando Zobel de Ayala said AYLC aimed at "moving young leaders along in the right direction and strengthening an idealism that they already have."

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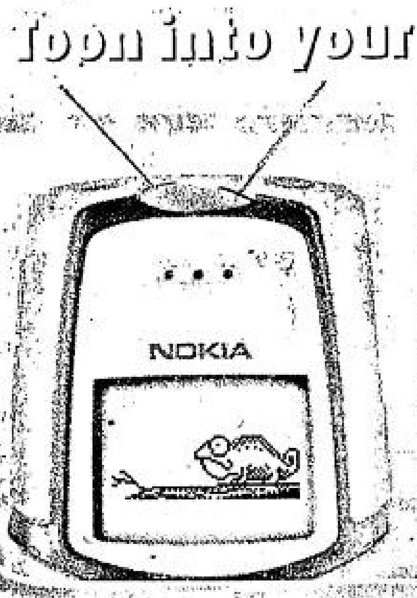

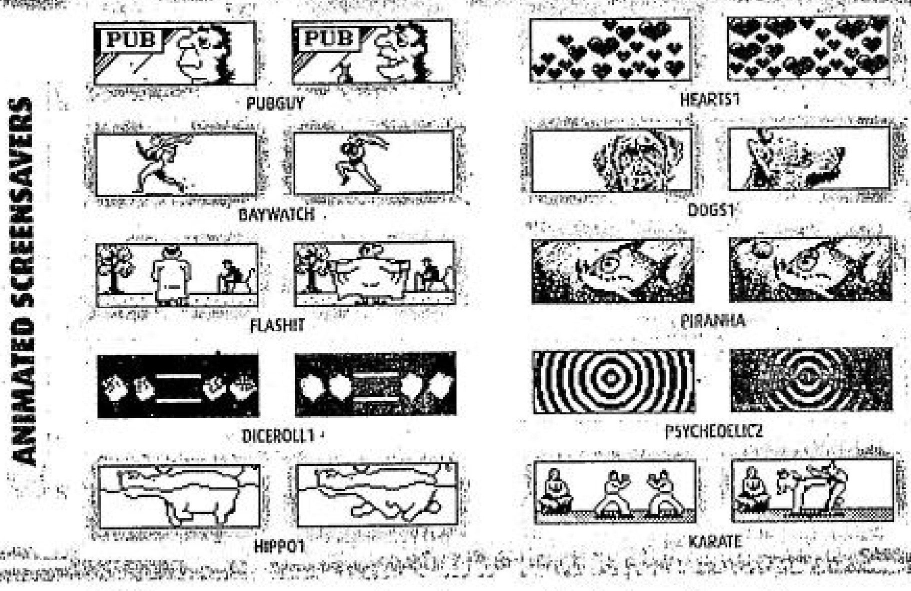

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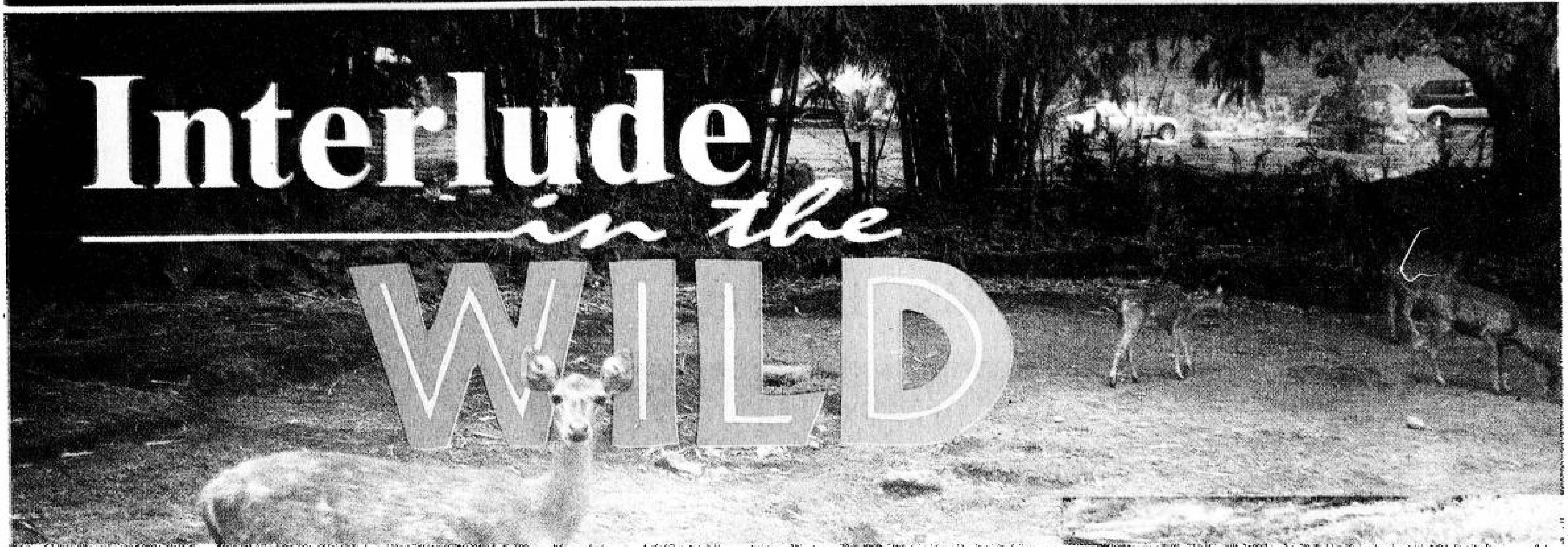


DOE, a deer, a spotted deer

LIONESSES napping

Text and photos by Aida Sevilla Mendoza

YOU don't have to go all the way to Africa for a safari.

In Puncak, a mountain resort town 100 kilometers north of Jakarta, you will find Taman Safari Cisarua-Bogor, Indonesia's center for the reproduction of endangered wildlife. There is another Taman Safari in Jawa Timur, but for tourists on a short visit to Indonesia, the wildlife center near Jakarta is more conveniently located.

"Taman" means "park" in Bahasa, not "zoo." Taman Safari is appropriately named, for the animals are not caged. They are free to roam outdoors in surroundings simulating their natural habitat.

In fact, the animals are so liberated and accustomed to gaping tourists that some of the tamer species approach and beg for food. No wonder enterprising vendors stand near the park's gate, selling carrots by the bunch.

Taman Safari is owned and managed by a private business corporation that also operates Hotel Safari, a motel/serviced apartments complex where tourists who want to extend their visit can stay. You may want to stay longer to experience the three kinds of tours offered by Taman Safari: the regular tour by car, the trek or walking tour and Malam, the night tour.

Since it was sunny and hot, and I only had one free day during my study tour of three Asean capitals (as first-prize winner in the Explanatory Category of the Jaime V. Ongpin Awards for Excellence in Journalism), I chose the regular tour by car. The Jakarta chapter of the Southeast Asian Press Alliance had thoughtfully provided me a car (what else but a Toyota Kijang?), a driver and an interpreter/guide.

The entrance fee for the regular tour by car was 70,000 rupiah (around $7.80). The first animal to welcome us was a zebra, which poked its nose into the car, begging for food, when I rolled down the window.

Several other zebras had also strayed onto the road to beg for food from tourists in the cars ahead of us.

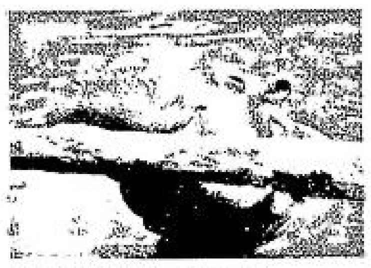
Llamas were the next animal species begging for tidbits along the tour path. Apparently, the zebras, llamas and antelopes had learned that they could insert their heads into a car and get carrots when a car window was opened.

The funny thing was the llamas had stationed themselves in front of a man-made pond where a hippopotamus, upon hearing the sound of cars approaching, rested his massive jaw atop a log that served as a fence. The hippo opened his big mouth, ready to catch any carrots that could be thrown his way. Sure enough, children riding an Isuzu Panther (the Crosswind in Manila) ahead of us tossed carrots to the waiting hippo, encouraging a brown llama to poke his nose into their vehicle while a white llama approached our car.

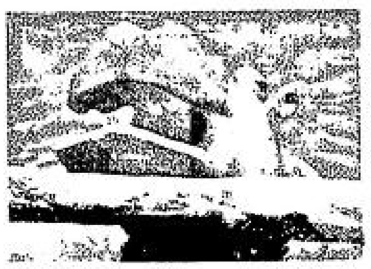
The other animals behaved with more dignity, content with the pickings provided them by the park's keepers. We passed by a herd of elephants; a giraffe munching some greens in a wooden trough attached to the pole under the roof of an open shed; one-humped camels; a baby hippo slumbering beside its pond under the sun; grazing tapir; big, long-legged birds that were either pelicans or cranes; buffalos; American bison; wild boar; and a big, fat snake that I refused to photograph.

You can take a safari in a resort town 100 km north of Jakarta, where a wildlife center allows visitors close encounters with animals in varying dimensions, attitudes and moods

We passed through two sliding security gates to enter the Lions' Reserve, where a sign was posted warning visitors to keep their car windows closed for their own safety. But I disregarded the warning and lowered my car window briefly to take a snapshot of a male lion resting under a tree and two lionesses sleeping on the grass.



HUNGRY hippo smiling...



...AND preparing to catch goodies thrown its way

Most of the lions and pumas we saw were sleeping. We wondered whether they slept during the day and stayed awake at night, giving tourists who took the night tour better photo ops.

After passing through two more security gates, we entered the Tigers' Reserve where, like the lions, most of the tigers were resting or sleeping. I managed to take a quick, rather close-up photo of a tiger lying beside the tour path and a more distant shot of Sumatran, Javanese and/or Siberian tigers pacing restlessly near the fence.

We exited the Tigers' Reserve through a gate to enter the African Village, where we saw rhinos, cheetah, big ostriches, more zebras, mountain goats and crocodiles. One more gate, and we were in the Asian Village where we passed a few more tigers and, after going through another security gate, a pair of black bears sparring playfully in a pond, orangutans, tamaraw, spotted deer, kancils and other kinds of deer.

Unfortunately, by this time I had run out of film and couldn't take a picture of the frolicking bears.

If wild life experts spot errors in the captions identifying the animals in the photos accompanying this article, it's because most of the signboards in Taman Safari identifying the animals on view were in Bahasa. Even the brochure/map given to tourists, the directions and the warning signs were in Bahasa. The scientific names of the species were also written on the signboards, but only zoologists would be able to understand these.

After exiting the park, we went to the recreational area for lunch.

Aside from fast food outlets, souvenir shops and kiddie rides in this area, there were tethered elephants, camels and ponies that tourists could ride for a fee; a free show of performing elephants; a free show of performing seals; some macaws and other exotic birds on display; reptiles including snakes and the komodo on display in a separate section; and four red pandas from China.

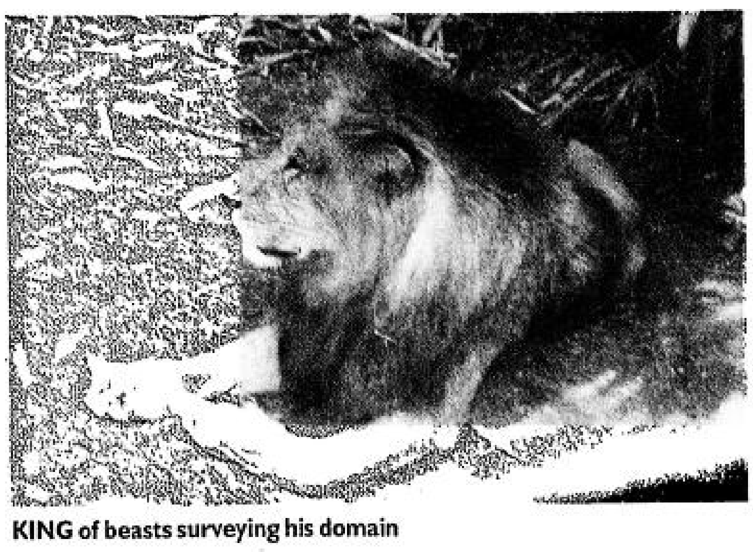
There was supposed to be a zoo of baby animals somewhere nearby, but my guide and I failed to locate it.

Not finding baby animals to have my photo taken with, I settled for a photo with a leopard, paying 3,000 rupiah for the privilege of posing with the spotted beast. The leopard's trainer prodded the leopard to curl up on my lap and to my discomfiture, it started licking my cargo pants although there was no food in my pockets. By the time my guide finally took my picture, I was ready to panic because the leopard was already beginning to nibble my pants.

My photo session with the resident tiger was less alarming maybe because the tiger was bored after posing with so many tourists. After I paid 18,000 rupiah ($2), the photographer on duty took an Instamatic picture of me patting the tiger on the back.

An orangutan family was also available for souvenir photos, but there were few takers because the mother was fast asleep while her wide-awake, playful youngsters appeared to be too mischievous and uncontrollable.

IN-YOUR-FACE welcome from a zebra



KING of beasts surveying his domain

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Teutonic tryst, Parisian passion

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said: "People tell me that you young women in Germany are not interested in the women's movement. I don't know if this is true. If it is, is it because there is already equality among men and women in Germany? Do you not have victims of violence—raped women, incest victims, battered wives? Are you really indifferent to the fact that you cannot be priests just because you are women? Are you indifferent to the fact that in this university, only 14 percent of the professors are women?"

I also challenged them to be prophets in four more areas: economic justice, ecological advocacy, intercultural dialogue and contributing to the culture of peace.

Every weekend, I was outside Frankfurt. The first weekend, I went to Lucerne to give an Oriental Spirituality seminar with Shibashi which was arranged by Barbara Lehner. After the seminar, I passed by Geneva where I stayed two hours with Eliz Tapia and her husband Alan. Eliz is teaching in Bossey near Geneva. Then they brought me back to the station on my way to Paris to visit my friend Sally Rousset, who was sick.

When I arrived at the Gare de Lyon, I looked for Pierre, Sally's husband, but he was not around. Then an elderly gentleman asked if I was Sister Mary John. He was Pierre's brother, and it turned out Sally had to be brought to the hospital. So we went straight to the hospital.

It seems the box embedded in her body through which they inject the chemotherapy medicine was leaking, so they had to disinfect it. We went home to their house in Montreuil. In spite of her sickness, Sally was in good spirits. The next day, she had to go back to the hospital so she asked her friend, Maya, to take care of me and another visitor Nit Nit, a Filipina living in Denmark.

So Maya brought us to the Islamic institute, which we wanted to visit but it was closed. So we went to the famous Sacre Coeur Cathedral instead.

On the way, we passed by the Shakespearean bookstore, which was unique in that it had a hotel, the Tumbleweed Hotel, on its upper floor, which accommodated authors for free—authors like James Joyce, etc. We had an interesting talk with the proprietor's assistant.

After visiting the Cathedral, we drank coffee in a bistro like any other tourist in Paris. I had to go back to Frankfurt the next day because of my lectures. The next weekend, I gave another seminar in a most beautiful place in Switzerland—Morschach, which overlooked the Vierwaldstättersee and was surrounded by mountains and honest-to-goodness glaciers.

Wonderful

It was just wonderful doing Shibashi while viewing those mountains and the lake with the yellow-red and orange leaves falling like technicolor rain when the wind blew. There was also a bright autumn sunshine—one could not ask for a more beautiful venue for a seminar!

The next weekend I had to go to Vienna to give a talk at the University, a seminar for women theologians and a lecture at the Catholic Seminar House. My lecture had to be postponed by three hours because my train had a three-hour delay and guess why—you will not believe it—a herd of wild pigs crossed the train tracks and bumped our train and the engine stopped. We waited in the forest for an engine to come from Munich. Wow, I thought such things only happened in Africa!

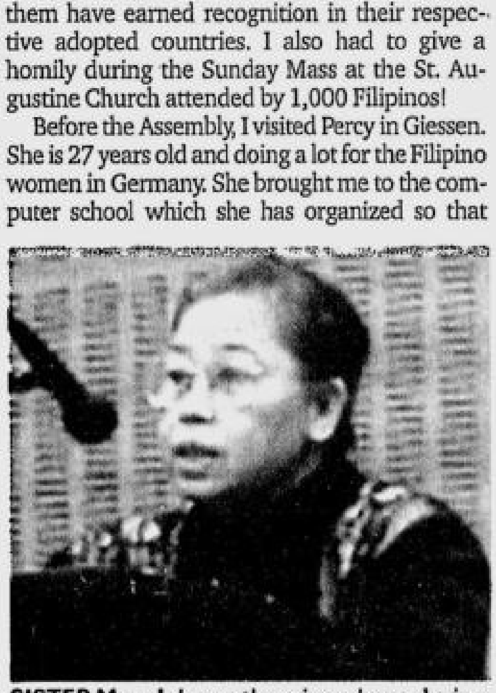
Anyway, everything else went well and I saw my first movie since I came to Europe. My host, Maria Moser, brought me to a movie titled "Eight Women," a sort of French feminist movie which was very witty and very un-Hollywood-like. The most famous actress in it was Catherine Deneuve. Another movie that I saw (in Brussels) was "The Secret of the Yaya Sisterhood." It is also a feminist movie and shows how four women supported each other through thick and thin throughout their lives, and also helped the daughter of one of them to come to self-understanding and to understanding her mother that led to their reconciliation after a time of alienation.

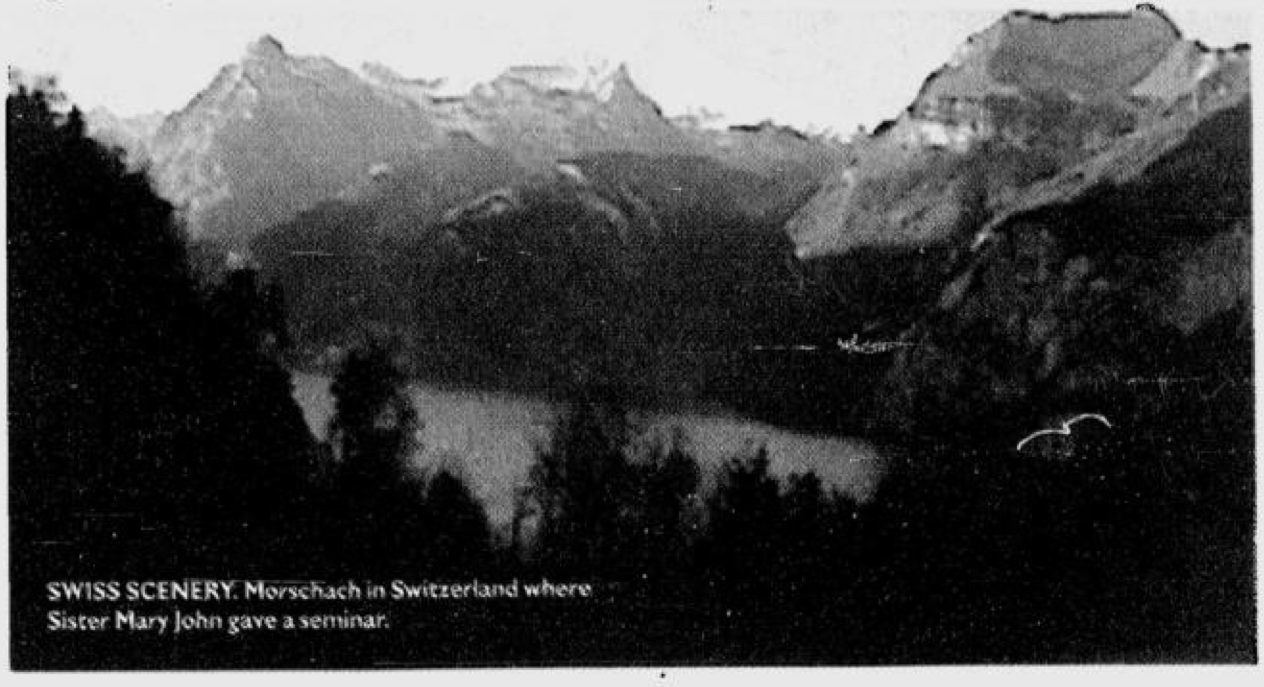
On another weekend, I was invited by Babaylan to its 10th anniversary General Assembly in Barcelona. Filipino women living in Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Greece, Denmark, Switzerland, etc. came to the assembly. I gave them a one-day seminar on the Woman Question and Women's Empowerment.

It is wonderful to listen to the activities of each group in different cities of Europe. Most of them are married to European men and have been in Europe for more than 10 years. Some of them have earned recognition in their respective adopted countries. I also had to give a homily during the Sunday Mass at the St. Augustine Church attended by 1,000 Filipinos!

Before the Assembly, I visited Percy in Giessen. She is 27 years old and doing a lot for the Filipino women in Germany. She brought me to the computer school which she has organized so that women could learn computer skills that could enable them to have a better job than domestic work. She also organized a course on Nursing Aide and has helped in finding jobs for those who have completed the course. Her lament is how some women who have come as mail-order brides seem to have lost their moral values and have begun sleeping around.

I could not believe it, but soon the semester was over and I had actually given 10 lectures in German without breaking my jaw! So on Oct. 18, after finishing my seminar in the morning, I was brought to the Frankfurt airport to take my flight home.


SISTER Mary John on the microphone during her first lecture in German at the University of Frankfurt as guest professor in Theology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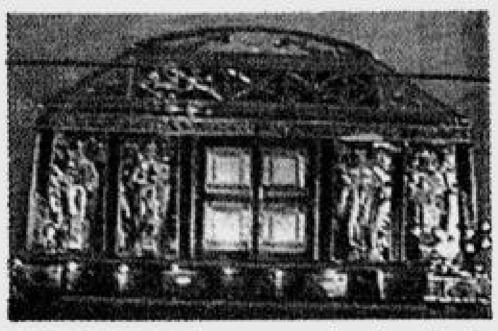
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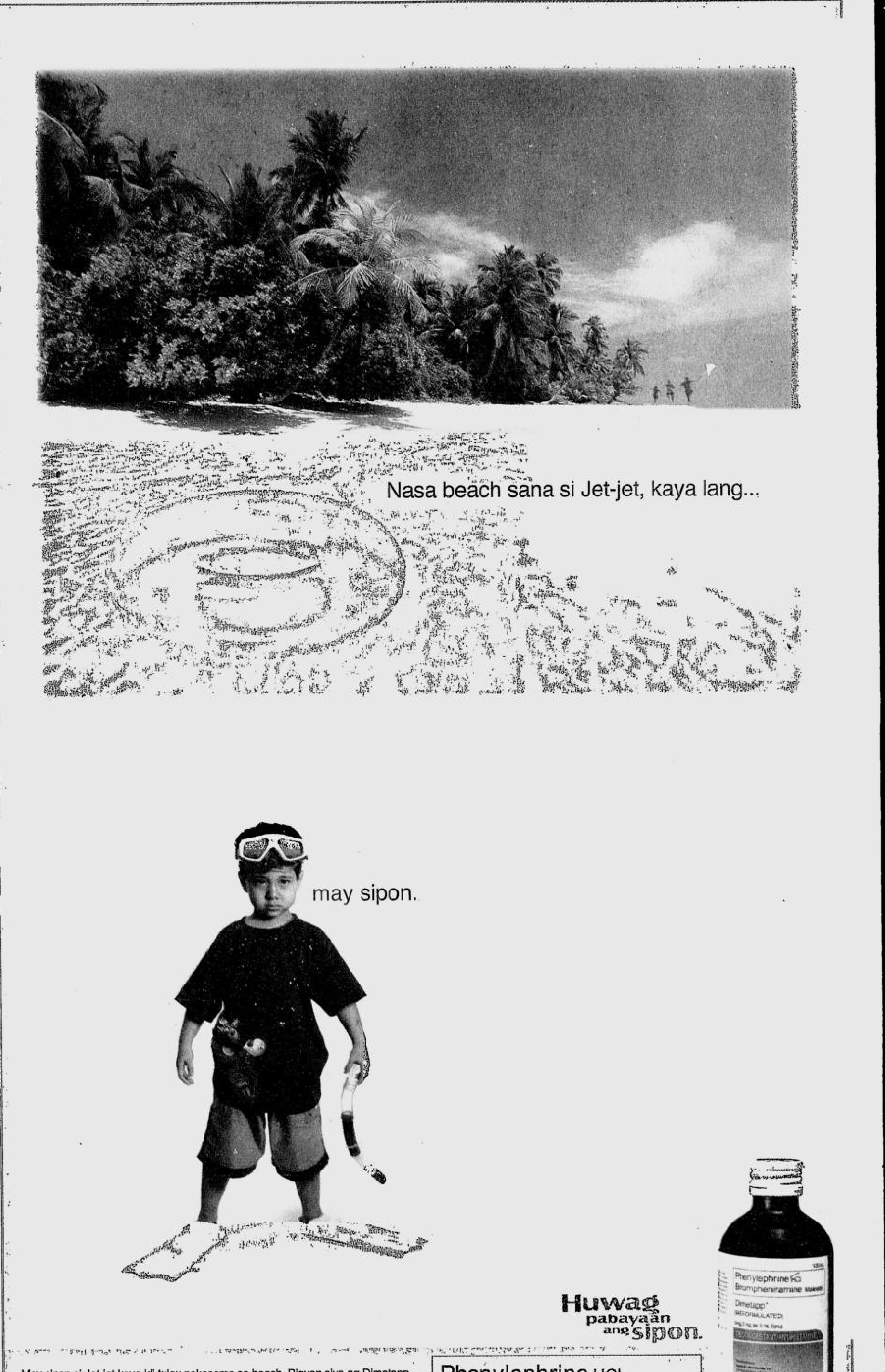
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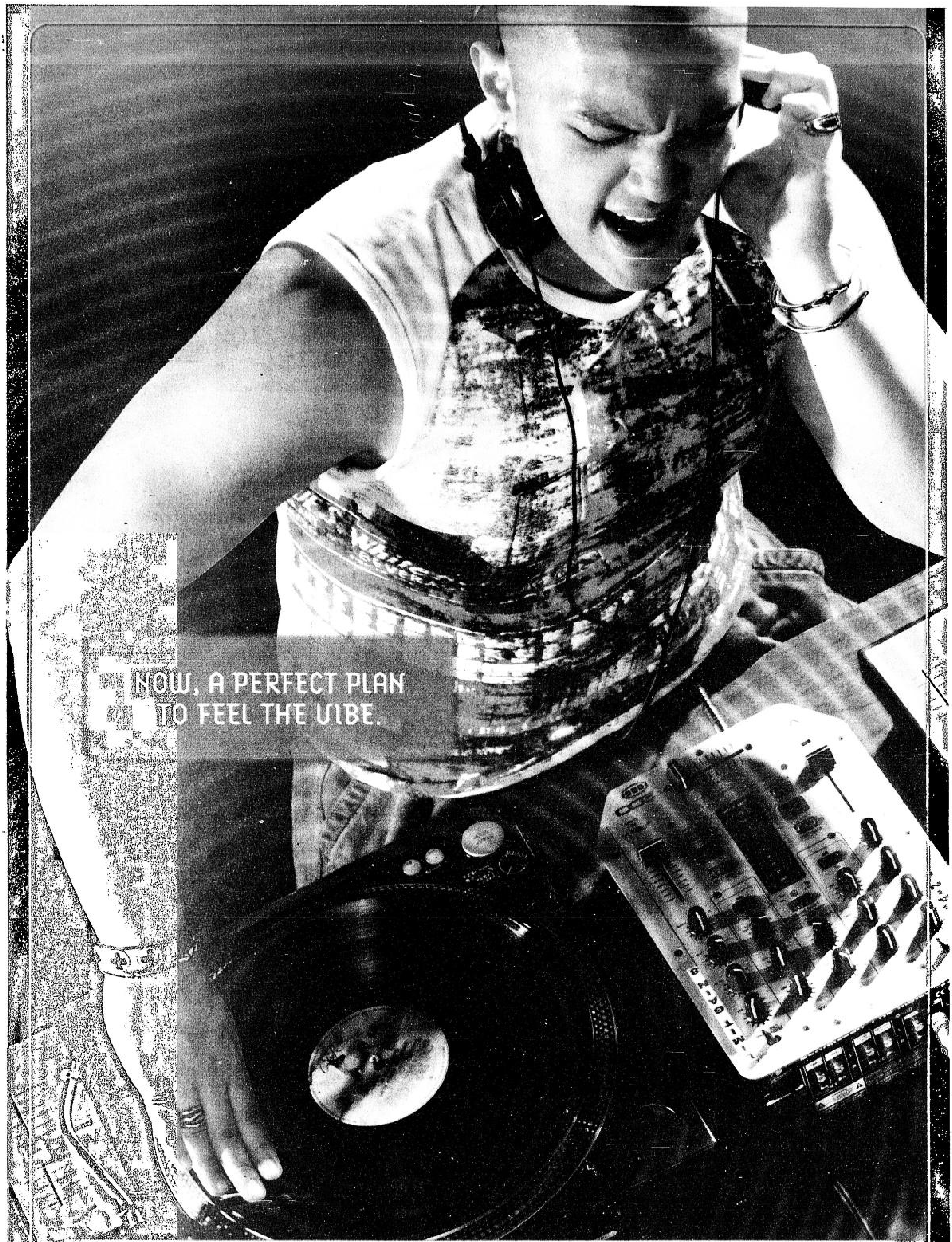

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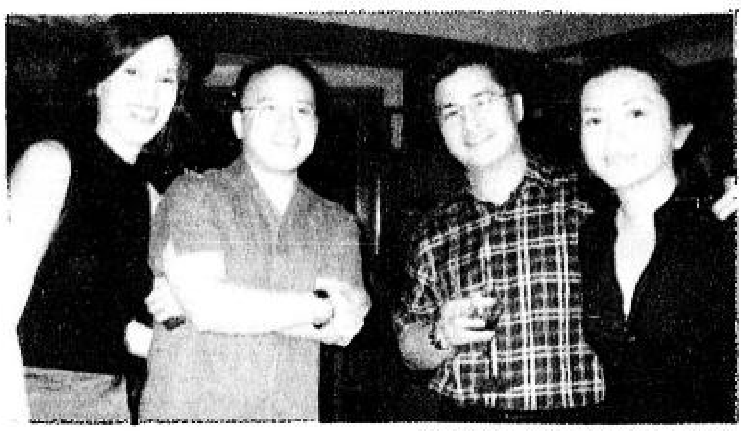

TEDDY and Janine Dario with Jude and Diane Aguilar

NENETO and Jojo Ongsiako enjoy an Urban Spa treat by therapists Evelyn and Liezl.

'Single-minded' V-Day

To V or not to V should not depend on your civil status but your state of mind

By Tessa Prieto-Valdes

IS it possible for single people to survive Valentine's Day?

It seems the whole month of February is just not for singles. Shouldn't they just hibernate and be incognito until the Easter bunnies start hopping after Holy Week?

Apparently, that is not the case. In fact, most of my "single by choice" friends celebrated Valentine's Day in style and had as much fun as their "couple" counterparts. The singles just treated V-Day like any other holiday.

So if you, too, had no one to gaze at over a candlelit dinner and whisper sweet nothings to, don't fret. Read on and learn... unless by February 2004, you have joined my side of the camp.

Attend a Valentine dinner, even if it's with your all-married high-school classmates.

Tessa Alindogan enjoyed my pre-Valentine dinner with our former classmates. We discussed plans for our upcoming 25th anniversary reunion. I invited the husbands to get their input and support, but some of the suggestions were too extreme, like a lingerie fashion show featuring our high-school class! Get real.

While brainstorming, Urban Spa girls were on hand to de-stress the couples and get our thinking juices flowing. Tessa A. said that even if most of my dinner games were aimed at couples, at least she was still able to join in the merriment and gossip.

And get a good rub-down as well!

Catch one of the concerts in town, whether local or foreign.

Eds Genuino, **Leah Puyat** and **Anton Barretto** all watched the spectacular show of **Lani Misalucha** at the Araneta Coliseum. Lani has

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ANGELLETTE Calero at Speed Zone

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TESSA Alindogan poses with her all-married classmates

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such an incredible voice that she leaves all of us karaoke singers way behind. She belted out for almost three hours ballads and pop songs beautifully arranged by **Louie Ocampo**, only interrupted occasionally by her super hilarious guest, **Ai-Ai de las Alas**.

But I was more interested in Lani's colorful outfits, designed by **Rajo Laurel**. If only I could commission him for a production starring me... except I would need a singing voice!

Get involved in some charitable cause.

Malu Gamboa was so busy with her always fully booked Cirkulo restaurant, but she managed to donate to Children's Hour from the earnings of her new outlet, Milky Way Café.

On its first Valentine's celebration, the café donated 20 percent of the take to the charity that benefited different children's foundations supported by the INQUIRER. Believe me, good graces will fall on singles like Malu.

Go on a weekend vacation to get some sun and fun.

Kris Mijares bonded with her family while taking a break in sun-kissed Boracay. She said that, aside from lying under the sun, she spent quality time with her father, **Ed. Ana Sicat, Celine Gabriel** and **Marga Montemayor** laid under the sun, too, on Tali beach in Batangas. If they didn't find anyone interesting there, at least their shapely bodies acquired a golden tan.

Host a party with all your single friends and leave everything to chance.

Oudine Santos whipped up a menu with **Sigalit Djamal** and invited her friends of varying ages, all of whom were single. She also invited single men—**Dudu Vaca** and **Antonio Garcia**, to name a few. She (wisely) did not tell me.

Raya Mananquil had a cheese and chocolate fondue party with her single friends from Ateneo. On the Blue Team were **Marco Lobregat, Enzo Tanedo, Jeff Damian** and **Raffy Montemayor**. And on the Pink Team? Raya, all by her not-so-lonesome self. So she had all these single, testosterone-fueled hunks all to herself.

But she eventually shared them with **Donnah Alcoseba, Grace Pastorfide** and **Bea Ledesma**. The girls drowned their singles' sorrows on chocolate. But since they were all so thin and could afford it, they had a blast.

Try something for the first time in order to feel the thrill of excitement.

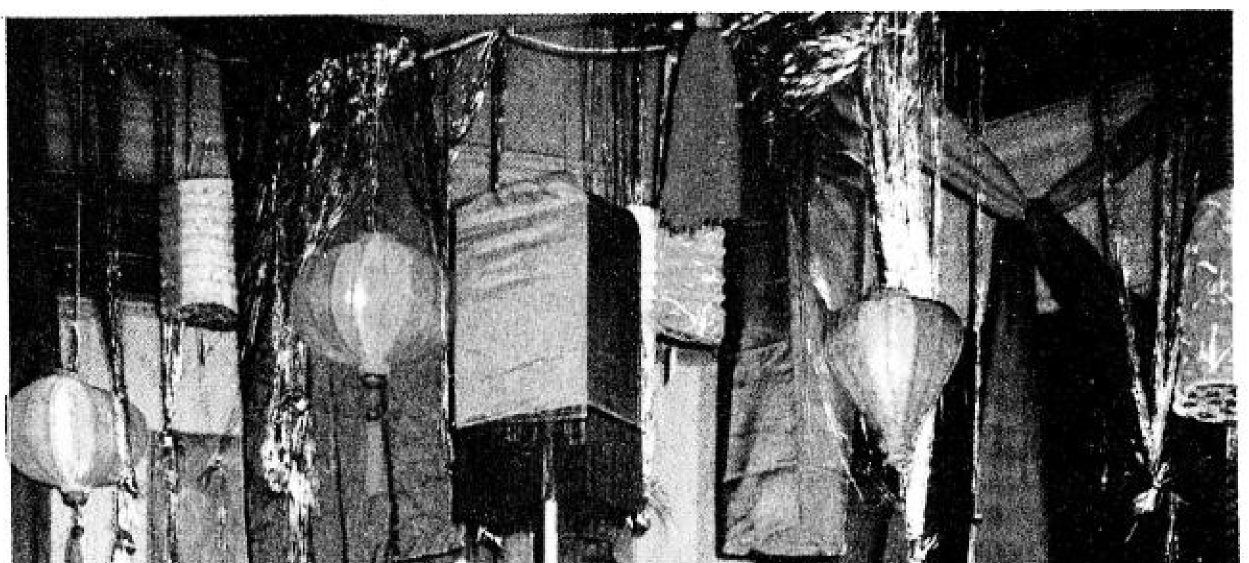
Angelo Barretto, who is an endurance race car driver, and **Angellette Calero** enjoyed carting at Speed Zone. If you're an Edsa traffic-frustrated racer who can't put the pedal to the metal, you should visit this place where you can surely floor it on the 820-meter long go-kart track.

February is just packed with activities. There are many to choose from—whether it is in the company of thousands of people like a concert or an intimate dinner for two.

I would highly recommend the concert of **Martin and Pops**. Both were recently seen in Greenbelt 3 looking very cuddly. You could be the first to witness these single folks become a couple again. And even if this didn't happen, you would have been grandly entertained, anyway.

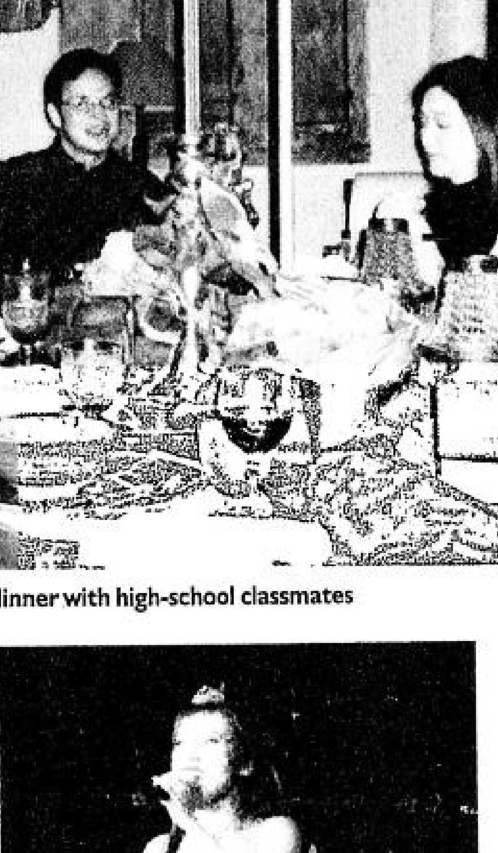
I actually haven't been single for almost eight, oops, nine, years. It's been so long, I have forgotten how much fun being single can be, too.

I guess enjoying Valentine's Day does not depend on your so-called civil status but your state of mind. Think happy, and you'll be.



THE PRE-VALENTINE dinner with high-school classmates

LANI Misalucha, spectacular! Spectacular!



JUST-TOO-FUNNY Ai Ai de las Alas

LANI Misalucha

RAYA Mananquil

Wireless love

MR. and Ms Joel Patanindagat's love affair is not your usual cotton-candy romance.

Right from the start, where military nurse Grace Octaviano (her maiden name) removed Joel Patanindagat's cyst from one of his buttocks at the Marine army camp in Puerto Princesa, both had an inkling that their romance would be far from the way usual boy-meets-girl, they get married and live happily ever after story.

A year after the two wed in 1997, Joel and the whole troop of the 6th Marine Battalion Landing Team, were reassigned in Jolo, Sulu, to battle with MILF troops. The separation proved to be excruciating for the newlyweds and Joel would find himself going with the battalion's marketing team just to make a call at the *poblacion*.

"It was risky at that time because of the high incidence of getting ambushed. Raids were also common occurrences but the need to connect with my wife was much greater than being comfortable in the camp. Thus every Sunday, without fail, I would call her up at the V. Luna General Hospital where she was reassigned," said Joel.

Things changed, however, when MILF intensified its offensive operations thereby increasing the number of military casualties. Grace, refusing to take any more chances, bought a pair of Smart analog phones and shipped one to her husband. Thus, in Jolo, Sulu, in 1998, Joel was one of the very few in his battalion, to own a cellular phone.

"Even when I'm on duty, I call up my wife. That's why my hundred-peso load gets used up in just three days," said Joel.

"There's nothing more reassuring than hearing your wife talk to you when you're out there in the field," he added.

When Smart GSM entered the market in 2000, it became logical for the pair to make the upgrade. Grace then had another Smart unit, this time a Nokia 3210, sent to Joel through a liaison officer.

"It was different this time because the text messaging features and cheaper rates allowed us to communicate more frequently. We would call each other everyday and text each time there's a chance," said Grace, whose tour of duty is now at the station hospital inside Camp Servillano Aquino in Tarlac.

Grace admitted that at least P1,800 of their budget is apportioned to prepaid cards. Such hefty amount becomes miniscule, however, when weighed against the benefit it brings to their marriage.

Other couples in Joel's group have since taken up the use of cell phones to communicate with loved ones. Their makeshift store in their camp is now well stocked with prepaid cards.

Among soldiers, Marines are said to be the most mobile. This has given rise to the observation that among groups of soldiers, the Marines have a high record of marital breakups.

"When I got married, I knew it was 'taboo' to have my loved ones follow me everywhere I go," said Joel. "I'm just thankful my wife is constantly with me in spirit through the phone I keep in my pocket."

Spoken like a true Marine who adapts, improvises and overcomes whatever "communication" barriers there are.

Welcome a new Brit arrival

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say, "hope it won't be in the *tiangge* yet!"

Must-have scooter—BMW SlideCarver. About two weeks ago, TNT reported on BMW's skateboard, so can a scooter be far behind? Enter BMW's SlideCarver—the perfect sporting equipment to have. Its technology and components are patterned after the BMW 5 series and it boasts of spectacular steering and road handling. It also sports a stylish, sleek design and fits perfectly into the trunk of any car. Log on to www.BMW-shop.com/lifestyle or contact BMW Philippines at 885-0881.

Must-buy magazine—West East. On a recent trip to Hong Kong, I came upon this magazine. I must say it is fantastic. It is one of the best-produced Asian magazines in the country and is a mixture of 'V' and Wallpaper (when **Tyler Brule** was still editor). The magazine is high fashion, attitude, sex, awesome interviews and photo spreads.

The issue I had even had a Bench advertisement, which fit in perfectly! The magazine is sold all over the world especially in high-end boutiques like Harvey Nichols in the United Kingdom. It is published quarterly but is worth the wait. So when you are in HK next time, don't forget to get this magazine!

Debunking certain myths. There are certain tenets in life that one subscribes to, and when someone bursts your bubble (or tells you to your face that what you believe in is wrong) well, you get all upset! There were two things I held so close to my heart, only to find out this week that they were not proper or correct. It got me wondering about the other things that I believed in!

First myth—Bon appetit. Recently, the magazine I work for hosted a dinner for some French Cartier executives.

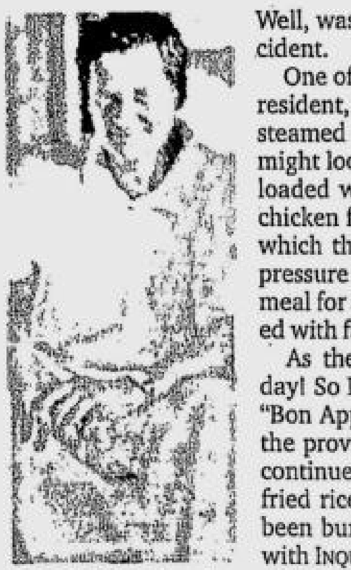
As we were about to eat, **Tessa Prieto Valdes**, dressed as a Chinese empress (I think?), told us about one of her friends who went to France and dined out with chi-chi locals. As they were about to eat, Tessa's friend thought it was a great time to say, "Bon Appetit" which, as the whole world knows, is a nice way of saying eat and stuff your face!

Well, they told her that in France, no one says, "Bon Appetit" anymore—it's very provincial (think: beneath us to say that word). Our Cartier guests said the same thing, too. I was thinking out loud, "When the heck did that happen and how come no one told me?!" Well now I know, and now you do, too! So if you do not want to be thought "uncool," don't say "Bon Appetit."

Here are the alternatives: Indicate by gestures that your guests should eat, grunt or tell everyone, "*Oy, kumain ka na*, your soup will get cold!"

Second myth—Hainanese Chicken. At a lunch with friends, I ordered my favorite Singaporean dish, Hainanese chicken. I like it so much because it's both healthy and flavorful.

MUST-HAVE scooter—The BMW SlideCarver


DR. PIERRE Clero is the new doctor in town who specializes in cosmetic surgery.

Well, was I in for another bubble-bursting incident.

One of the ladies I lunch with, a Singapore resident, told me that although the dish of steamed chicken, rice, condiments and soup might look very healthy, the rice was actually loaded with fat! How? Well they get all the chicken fat and fry it to get some form of oil, which they put on the rice. Wow, my blood pressure was going up! I have been eating this meal for ages only to find out that it was loaded with fat!

As they say, you learn new things every day! So I have learned two things: not to say "Bon Appetit" (or say it only to French from the provinces, at least they like that) and to continue to eat Hainanese chicken, but with fried rice instead. Kidding! Has your bubble been burst lately? If you care to share them with INQUIRER readers, please e-mail me.

Have a great week!

E-mail the author at asd_world@hotmail.com

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HOTTER than hot look for Spring/Summer 2003—Asian with attitude

Int'l reading expert keynotes convention

DR. CATHY Collins Block, board member of the International Reading Association (IRA), will be the keynote speaker at the annual convention of the Reading Association of the Philippines (RAP) on March 8 and 9 at Robinsons Galleria, Ortigas Commercial Center. "Touch Magic: Literature for Literacy and Language Issues" is the theme of the convention, which underscores the role of literature in developing literacy among learners and in addressing language concerns now facing the country. Three strands evolving from the theme include Children's Literature, Issues in Language and Literature and Assessment and Research.

The convention features plenary sessions, panel discussions and parallel workshops conducted by reading experts like Dr. Thomas Kral of the Cultural Affairs, US embassy, Nanette Mercado of the British Council, DepEd's Dr. Alice Panares, Prof. Virgilio Almario of Adarna House, poet Dr. Benilda Santos and UP educators Dr. Lina Diaz de Rivera, Dr. Nemah Hermosa and Dr. Dina Ocampo.

Registration fee is P2,500 for RAP members and P2,600 for non-RAP members.

Another highlight of the convention is the briefing for official RAP delegates to IRA's conference in Orlando, Florida on May 4-8. The theme of IRA's 48th annual convention is "Making a Difference in Reading." RAP members interested to attend this gathering of 16,000 people concerned with reading education at all levels will be given important pointers on visa application, travel arrangements and convention matters.

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Anton San Diego

MUST-GO-TO salon—Toni & Guy's Essensuals. Set to open this year (soft opening is first week of March) is one of the most respected and popular salons in the world, Toni & Guy Essensuals. The salon is the award-winning diffusion line of Toni & Guy, a company that has 35 years of stylish history to its name. What makes this salon different from the others? Well, for starters, all the stylists are London-trained, the salon is backed by the mother company and it will have foreign stylists.

The real question is: does Manila need another salon? If it offers a modern edge, has highly adept and professional stylists and staff, and a relaxing atmosphere, then Manila does need more salons like this. So TNT welcomes the new salon on the block to which, I am sure, Manila's stylish set will be making a beeline for soon. Essensuals will be located at 6750 Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati City.

There's a new doctor in town. I spoke recently to my friend and one-time riding coach, the beautiful and dynamic **Nise Yabut Cojuangco**, and was surprised to learn two things: that she had given up riding and that there was a new man in her life.

She told me how absolutely happy she was and that I had to meet him. So we set up a lunch date. On the day of our lunch, something came up and she could not make it but her beau did.

Dr. Pierre Clero, a noted and respected cosmetic surgeon in Paris, has made his home in Manila (because of someone special) bringing with him his expertise in age-defying procedures to the city. He has had 20 years of surgical experience and offers liposuction, lifting and breast enlargement, oxygen and botox facials and hair surgery (hair grafted strand by strand in the scalp).

I have heard and seen some of the women (names not to be mentioned, of course) who underwent his procedures and voila, they look so good that I am even tempted to have some of my gut sucked out! For inquiries, call 755-8824. His office is at the Oakwood Suites in Makati.

Does Manila need another beauty salon?

MUST-GO-TO salon—Toni & Guy Essensuals opening in March

Must-have fashion look for S/S 2003—The return of the Ninja. This is one of my favorite looks for Spring/Summer 2003. A lot of designers displayed Asian influences in their collection, and a particular number by **Gianfranco Ferre** was red hot!

What's particularly cool about the number is it combines three major looks of the past year—the obi or corset, accent on sleeves and the Asian touch. I am very sure that trendy shops will adopt the look, faster than you can

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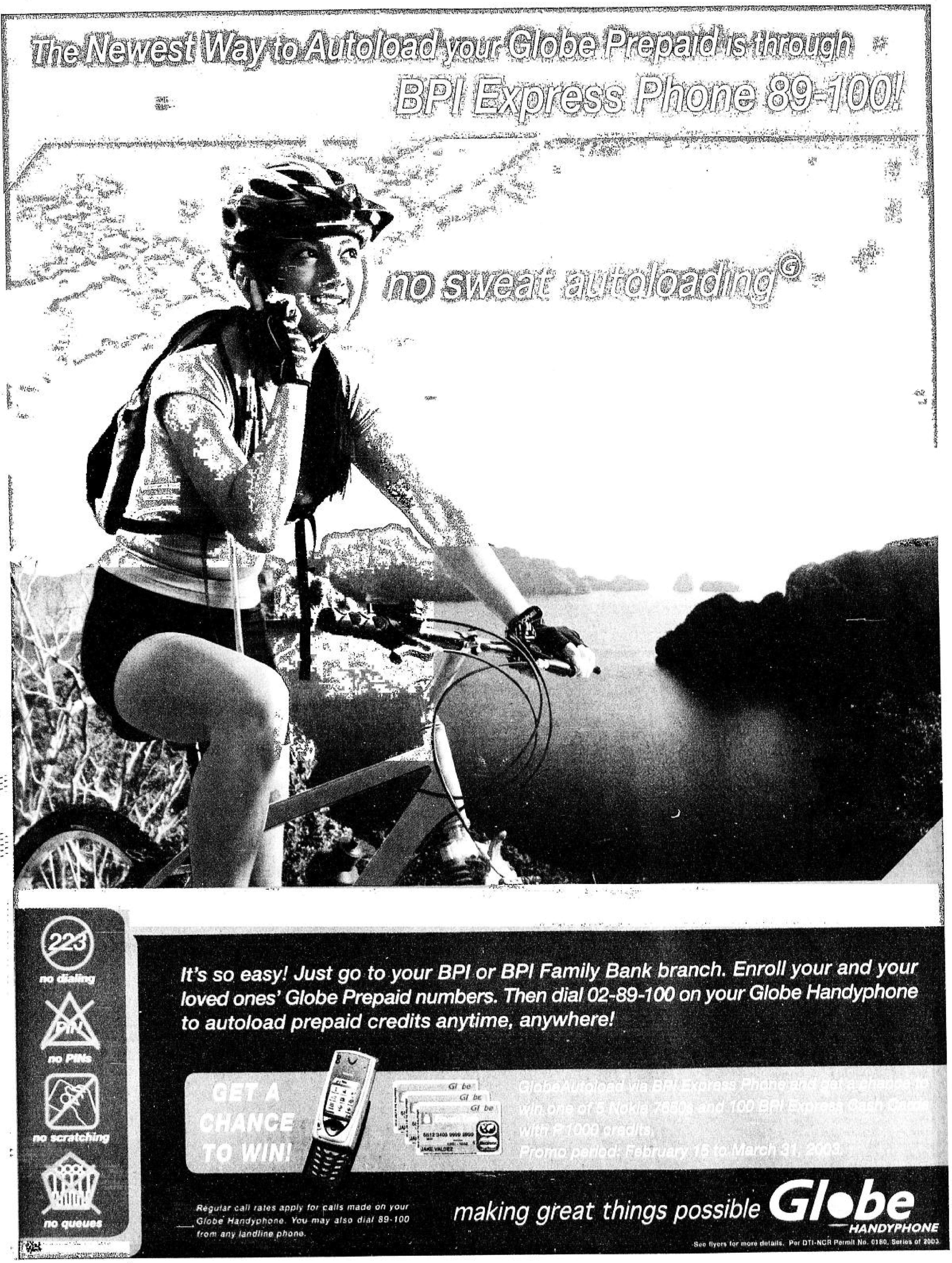

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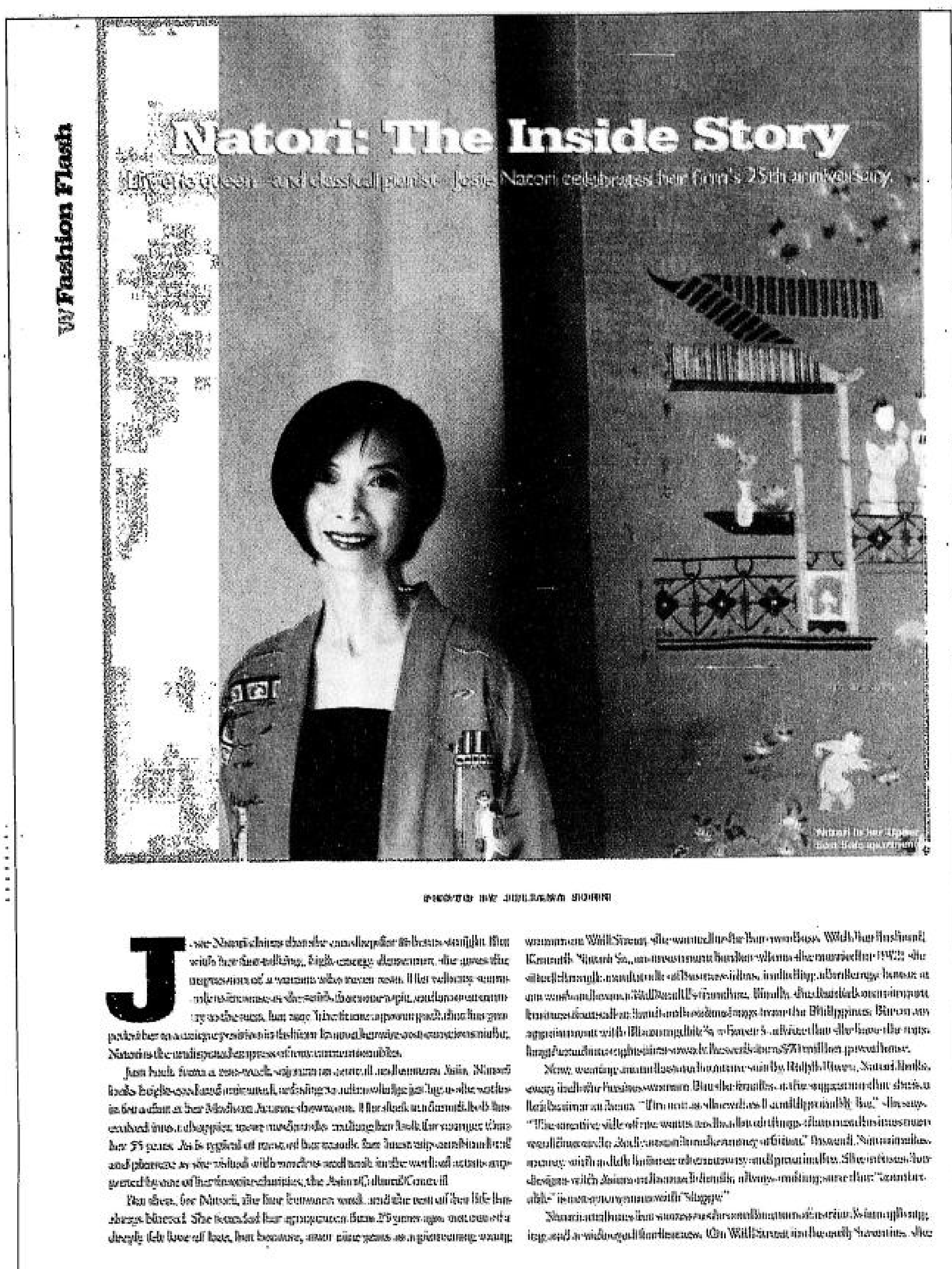
Hollywood shoplifter's must-have logo

'We had been in bustiers long before Madonna had a bustier'


W Fashion Flash

Natori: The Inside Story

Lingerie queen—and classical pianist—Josie Natori celebrates her firm's 25th anniversary.

NATORI in the January 2003 issue of fashion bible W

PLAYTIME

By the Staff

AS FASHION brands go, Natori may be young compared with its more venerable counterparts. But at 25, the New York house has outlasted fads and trends as to become an institution in its own right.

The word "institution" may, however, not sit well with Josie Cruz-Natori, CEO and design dynamo of the company. The word smells much like "superannuated" and "dated"—not quite applicable to a brand that first became known for moving the lingerie out of the boudoir and into the boardroom.

Yes, intimate wear as power wear, inner fashion as outer passion. It's not for nothing that among those who have worn a Natori are the likes of Madonna and Sharon Stone. In its January 2003 issue, W, the fashion bible, calls Natori "the lingerie queen."

No doubt part of the success of Natori is the exquisite design that owes to Natori's Filipino roots. The daughter of construction magnate F.F. Cruz was a piano prodigy before becoming the first woman vice president of Merrill Lynch. With the success of the lingerie line, she left the Wall Street firm with her Japanese-American husband, Kenneth Natori, to found the House of Natori.

All of her lines—the upscale Natori, the younger Josie, and the new Cruz—are distinguished by Filipino craftsmanship, particularly in applique designs and embroidery. Most of the garment lines are made in the Philippines. The business is now worth $50 million.

The house has made a splash lately because of its best-selling bags that combine Orientalism and modern sophistication. The bags look so temptingly elegant that one of them was seized from Hollywood actress Winona Ryder when she was caught shoplifting. What other bags did Ryder try to spirit away? Oh, only such names as Dolce & Gabbana and Louis Vuitton.

While in Manila to inaugurate her bag line at the swanky Wish boutique in Makati, Josie Cruz-Natori confessed that, like most Filipinas, she has a fetish for bags and shoes.

Who are the celebrities who wear Natori?

Oh God, I don't really keep track.

Let's drop some names. Sharon Stone.

Yeah, Sharon likes Oriental designs. Winona Ryder was caught stealing a Natori bag.

Oh, wow (laughter) she had to have it... You started your bag line in September 2001. Wasn't that a risky time to start a new line?

I had no idea Sept. 11 would happen. Actually, Bergdorf was giving us a party on Sept. 13, so they had to cancel it. And Atlanta Saks was giving us a party on the 12th, so they had to cancel it. So, really, we couldn't have possibly started the accessories line at a worse time. And the evening wear line. Who dared go out in the evening right after Sept. 11? But we made it because our things were very unique.

And we really started small with very select distribution: one door of Bergdorf Goodman, five doors of Neiman Marcus, and five doors of Saks. And I made an appearance at Bergdorf later, and then Neiman Marcus in Palm Beach. There were people who were buying. One woman bought 12 bags in one sitting. Yes, she spent $15,000 just like that.

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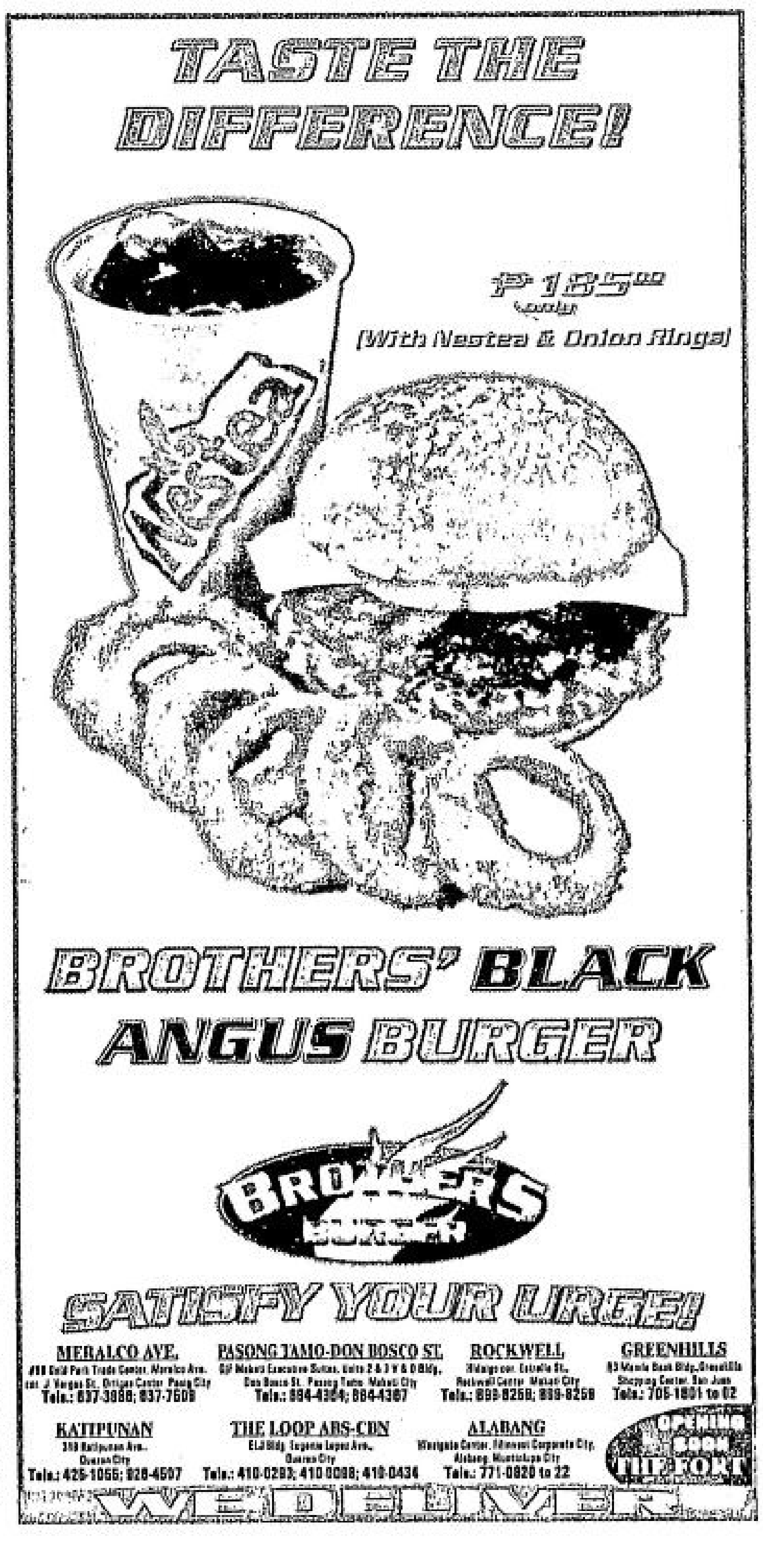
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Hollywood shoplifter's must-have logo

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Because they were like collectibles. And this was around October, so, I think the uniqueness of these bags made people buy them. I think they're buying it as an investment. Like works of art.

But are there daytime purses?

Yes. We started with evening bags, but now we have daytime. So our line encompasses everything from satins to alligator bags.

Which is the most sellable?

It's hard to tell. But one of our signature handles, the Pagoda bag, is doing well.

If you don't mind, how much is it selling in New York?

I think in New York that's $600. It's in leather and mink. Our bags in the States [range] from $600 to $6,800 [the alligator bag]. When you see it, it's very, very special...

There must be a special place in the store for it.

Yeah, they do. We stand alongside Fendi, Gucci and Saint Laurent, and we look quite unique. We have quite a big display at Bergdorf [Goodman] and Saks [Fifth Avenue]. (Shows a catalogue of the bags.)

Where do you source the wood? That's wood, right?

That particular one is resin. But we have things with semiprecious handles. We source the materials from all over the world. I'm working directly on this. I'm hands-on with the bags *kasi* I'm enjoying it. You know, I'm doing this like I started with lingerie 25 years ago. I think when people look at the bags, they really just see the intricate work that went into them. There was a lot of thought that went into it.

Why did you go into handbags?

Well, we got into lingerie by accident. I even tell people I don't have a lingerie fetish (laughter), but I have an accessory fetish. I mean, show me a Filipino who doesn't love bags and shoes, right? But that's not the point. The point is, the Natori sensibility has always been known for detail—our prints, our embroidery. It's all of that extra-detail that we've been known for. So I think part of the Natori trademark goes beyond the lingerie. So it was just a question of time in getting into accessories.

In the early '80s, when Natori was about five years old, we were already doing lingerie bags. So the concept was already there. So [accessories were] not something that just happened all of a sudden. It's a natural evolution. We're really in the very, very specialized high-end line and I decided to [go into bags] two years ago because it's very difficult to make money in the very high-end in the States.

I loved it, I enjoyed it and we were successful at that, but, you know, you have to be able to translate it down to the lower [end]. People loved our work, and so the accessories have become our main line instead of evening wear.

You say you work hard. Are you an early riser?

No, I love to sleep. I don't like waking up (Laughter). Generally speaking, I'm up between 7-7:30 a.m. I have a trainer who comes three times a week at 7, but you know, sometimes I don't quite make that.

What's the trainer for?

Exercise.

But you don't look like you need it.

I don't, really. Stretching *lang*. But *madalas natutulog ako* during the exercise. (Laughter) And then I'm in the office. I don't leave earlier than 7:30 in the evening... long hours. And then we're out a lot. And then you know this business is 24 hours. I get home and I'm on the telephone. Because we do manufacturing in the Philippines and in Europe.

> 'There's no reason for Filipinos not to buy a Natori lingerie because it's 20 percent less here. I made sure of that'

What do you manufacture in the Philippines?

The lingerie is 80-percent [manufactured] in the Philippines. We've had the factories here for 25 years. Yeah, all the embroideries are here. Embroidery is pretty controlled in our factories.

The design comes from New York?

New York and Italy. But I've got a great design team here, too. My design director here is TC Alvarez. She's fabulous. And now she's developing her team. You know how I feel about Filipinos being creative and talented. And she works with a design team in New York [composed of] Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese and Americans. And I work with a design team in Italy for the handbags. They're made in Italy, but for the embroideries, we send the materials here. When there's embroidery and handwork, it's made here. That's what gives it a lot of uniqueness.

What are you wearing?

Saint Laurent. (Chuckles)

Is he your favorite designer, your idol?

Yes. Unfortunately he's retired. (Laughs) But Tom Ford is not doing a bad job.

You don't design your own clothes?

I still wear for evening a lot of the things I've done before. And I wear jackets that we made. We stopped doing that two years ago. You've got to do well and focus, and right now, my choice is to focus on the accessories because, really, today that's what women want.

And continue with the lingerie, of course.

Yes. But any successful brand today, whether you talk of Gucci, Dior or Vuitton, the business is done in the accessories. It's really not in the clothes. So, that's obviously our plan. I think the time will come when accessories will be as big as lingerie.

How would you describe a Josie Natori woman?

(Laughs) Ah, I don't know. We have three different brands. We have Natori, Josie and Cruz. Cruz is very new. It's just really one year old and it's quite successful in the States. It hasn't arrived here yet. The Natori is the original and the most sophisticated.

High-end?

Yes. Most sophisticated and more intricate, a little more exotic in terms of design. Josie's more contemporary, more fun and more humor in it, and younger. And then Cruz is just easy. Very modern, not so complicated, and affordable. I do think across the board. Our women [are those] who care about themselves and like to treat themselves. I think of a woman who has confidence and buy things for herself, a woman who is independent. I really believe most of our customers buy it for themselves. I'm not saying they don't get it as gifts, but primarily we sell to the women. People ask me to design for men and I say, never. I think about the women first. And I think that customers like to feel special.

But you know what they say about lingerie, that women buy lingerie for men?

(Laughter) Not the women that I know of. (Laughs) Not the women who buy Natori. I think that's the stereotypical notion.

That's not true anymore?

I'm not saying there aren't women who do that, but I'm saying that when she buys it, she's expressing herself. She wants to feel good about herself. It's like cosmetics. Do you need one more lipstick? No. We buy it because it's an instant treat. It's an instant gratification.

To me they're all the same. Accessories, cosmetics and lingerie. It's one and the same thing. There's an emotional draw. It's like you reward yourself. Same thing with lingerie. *Kasi* it's the closest thing to your skin. Same thing with fragrance. We're still around 25 years later. I think there's an appreciation for quality also. And appreciation for detail. I know women who tell me "Oh my God, I've had that [Natori] for 15 years." They understand.

> 'When you see our bag, it's very special... In the store, we stand alongside Fendi, Gucci and Saint Laurent'

The women who buy Natori must be women who work to be able to afford it.

But that's not true. I think there's a perception that...

You're expensive... (Laughter)

But you'd be surprised. I'm not saying they're not expensive things, but you can buy a Natori bra for $40. That's not expensive in the States. You can buy a Josie chemise for $35, that's not expensive in the States. It's all relative to the value. If the value is there, it's not expensive. We're bringing something to the table that makes it special. I know people will buy pantyhose that self-destructs! Give me a break. (Laughs) It [Natori] lasts for the next 20 years.

***Puwede pang ipamana sa anak*. (Laughter)**

Oo. It's really crazy to me, the perception. But I think it's because they look very special so people think they're expensive. But you'll find many affordable things because we have the range. We are able to give different pocketbooks and different lifestyles a taste of Natori.

But the Cruz line is not yet out. It's out in the States. It's one year old and doing quite well. Yes, in time it will come here.

What have you observed so far about the taste of American women and Filipino women in terms of lingerie?

The Americans are pretty advanced in terms of how they buy lingerie. Even more advanced than the Europeans. In Europe, it's been more about these bras and panties, not so much about lounge wear. Americans are consumers. *Bili nang bili.*

Tapon din nang tapon.

Well, remember we deliver something new every month. So Americans are more adventurous. Now about Filipinos, I would say from our experience here that what sells in the States is quite similar to what sells here. Something is a best-seller no matter what country. So it's not true that we're more conservative buyers of lingerie. I've seen a lot of Filipinas who bought our things and they're wearing them out. They're very practical because, really, we use a lot of materials that you can wear out. We're selling all over the country.

You're only in Rustan's?

Yes. The lingerie is exclusive to them. And Wish has the bags. Rustan's is doing a great job. I'm very pleased with them. We've been through difficult times, and inflation doesn't help, but in spite of that, the fact of the matter is, Filipinos can buy a Natori or Josie lingerie at 20-percent less because they're made here. I made sure of that. So I think there's no reason not to be able to afford it because I made it affordable to Filipinos.

Since the very beginning, our styles have been multipurpose. Women are more individualistic and more knowledgeable. I've always believed that Natori is about a way of dressing without boundaries. Let the woman decide. We had been in bustiers long before Madonna had a bustier (Laughter). We've been in camisole.

The biggest-selling thing in our line today is the cami-PJ. Why? It's practical, you can wear it out. You can have visitors come in and you don't feel like you're naked. You can put on a jacket and you can go out. Women are so busy today that they want to buy clothes that they can use in more than one way. You can sleep in it, go out in it.

What are the global prospects of Filipino design?

First of all, we have an incredible pool of creative and talented people. It's in our blood. But, obviously, part of it is how you nurture it and make it really a business. It's not just about made-to-order business. I think it's about building a community and having some infrastructure. There was no infrastructure in the past here. There was no place to buy and sell. I think it's changing little by little.

I would say that there are better skills today than there were seven years ago. Pattern-making, technical things such as marketing and merchandising—I think there's progress. I think what is needed here is more distribution. So that you don't have just made-to-order business centering around bridal gowns and evening wear. You can't really have that for so long—that's not really a long-term business. I think it's a question of time.

I think Philippine design needs more customers. And also, it's important to brand the Philippines. So certainly I'm committed to promoting the Philippines,

What do you think about imitations of your products?

I would consider that flattery. It's almost insulting if they don't copy it. (Laughter) You'll really feel sad. Oh my God, they don't like my

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design, how come they haven't copied it?! (Laughter)

There are some people who want the copy, some who want the real one. That's why if they can't have the Natori, there's the Josie.

What about the loss of revenues as a result of piracy?

I haven't really gotten there yet (laughs). I have a different opinion. Do you think that Louis Vuitton is suffering? No. But they should run after them [pirates], of course. Because it's very blatant. But I guess that's why people want your accessories. It's just a fact of life. I'm not saying it's right, but that's the sign of real success.

Would you say Filipinos are fashionable people?

We Filipinos love to shop, we love to look good. Yes, we love to dress up. But I wish it would be less casual.

It's too hot here not to dress casual.

No. I don't mean that. I mean, there's a little too much sloppiness. In the US, they're changing the casual dress code.

Really?

Yeah. *Kasi nga sumobra.*

What is sloppy dressing to you?

Don't get offended, *ha*. I'm not against jeans and T-shirt, okay, but there's a way of putting it together. I always believe one can look comfortable but still be together. And I just think there's been too much of that—jeans and T-shirt—in the Philippines.

What could replace that?

This is my challenge to all the Filipino designers. This is a resort country. And people want to be comfortable. For God's sake, you don't have to wear a *terno*. I think about the *barong*. Forget it, you're not gonna wear *jusi* or *piña, hindi ka naman komportable, ano*. So designers must come up with something that is of the same idea—pants and a top that's comfortable. But with some personality. I feel that with jeans and shirt—*wala nang* personality. We all look homogenized. And I would love to be able to have that Filipino look—with more styling. For example, India came out with the Nehru jacket, China came out with the Mao. I feel Filipinos must come up with something that's more us but not looking like a costume. Stylish and modern. And I know we can. That's my fantasy.

Maybe that's you.

I know... one of these days. That's been my challenge to the Philippine design committee. Maybe we can have a contest. With a movie actress, I can guarantee you...

They'll pick it up?

Absolutely. Absolutely, So that's my attitude. Well, I think it's just a question of time.

Maybe because we're an island and so it's so hot...

So what? We can have island wear. I hope we can develop a style. So, in my spare time, before I retire ...

One of these days, you're not gonna sleep and do that.

I know what it should be. It's just a question of how to make it happen. I have no doubt what it should be.

So you're just going to surprise us.

It's just [a matter of] executing it. From now on, this is the uniform of the Philippines. (Laughter) Six years ago, *sabi ko*, I won't stop until I dress the whole Philippines. (Laughter)

Have you always been partial to black?

It's the most practical thing. You don't have to think twice. You don't have to change your handbag... That's not true. Change the bag. (Laughter)

Well, if you have the whole Natori line, you should change bags.

Yeah, *palit nang palit*. Because it gives you the personality. You can wear the same black pants but it's what you put as accessory—the scarf, the shawl—that makes the difference.

What one accessory can you not live without?

I can't leave without a handkerchief. It's a Filipino thing.

Who are you competing with, the Natori bags?

I think we have our own unique look. You're always competing for the dollars of customers, but I think customers are buying our evening bags, And I think for bag buyers, it's a fetish. So I think it's not like they just buy one brand.

Like shoes...

Same idea. It doesn't matter what the brand is. I mean, there are people who would buy more than one brand.

Are your bags more attractive to the Caucasians than the Orientals?

Actually I was afraid that Asians would just say no. As a matter of fact, there's great appreciation in Asia, because they feel we've made it very modern and very contemporary. It's very today. It doesn't look ethnic or from Chinatown. It's a work of art. There's this book that just came out in New York, we found out that they featured five of our bags.

Which do you consider home?

Obviously New York is where I stay all the time, but I have three homes: New York, Paris and Manila. I consider them homes in the sense of where my heart is. And I think the three are all equally important to me. I mean they ask me, where would I retire? I need all three of them.

Do you still play the piano?

Yeah, I play once a week with a coach. My favorite time is being on the piano. I would say that's the private me. I'm trying to set myself a goal of doing another concert.

What do you do for pleasure?

Sleeping, having a massage, shopping. (Laughs)

What about family? Is there a family day?

Yeah. My son is 26 years old. So Sunday, he, Ken and I have dinner together. So family is important to me...

And your son still stays with you?

No. He announces from the New York Stock Exchange. Updates on the radio from 5 a.m. He's been on television once but that's what he'll go to next.

Your son's not going into your business?

Susmaryosep. Why would I want this on him? (Laughter) He's very good in the media field, he's a great writer ... You know, this business is very tough. So unless you really love it... You know what? It needs a girl to be in the business...

Maybe when he gets married...

His wife? He better have a good wife! (Laughter)

Or a good daughter?

Oh my God, I'll be ancient by then! (Laughter)

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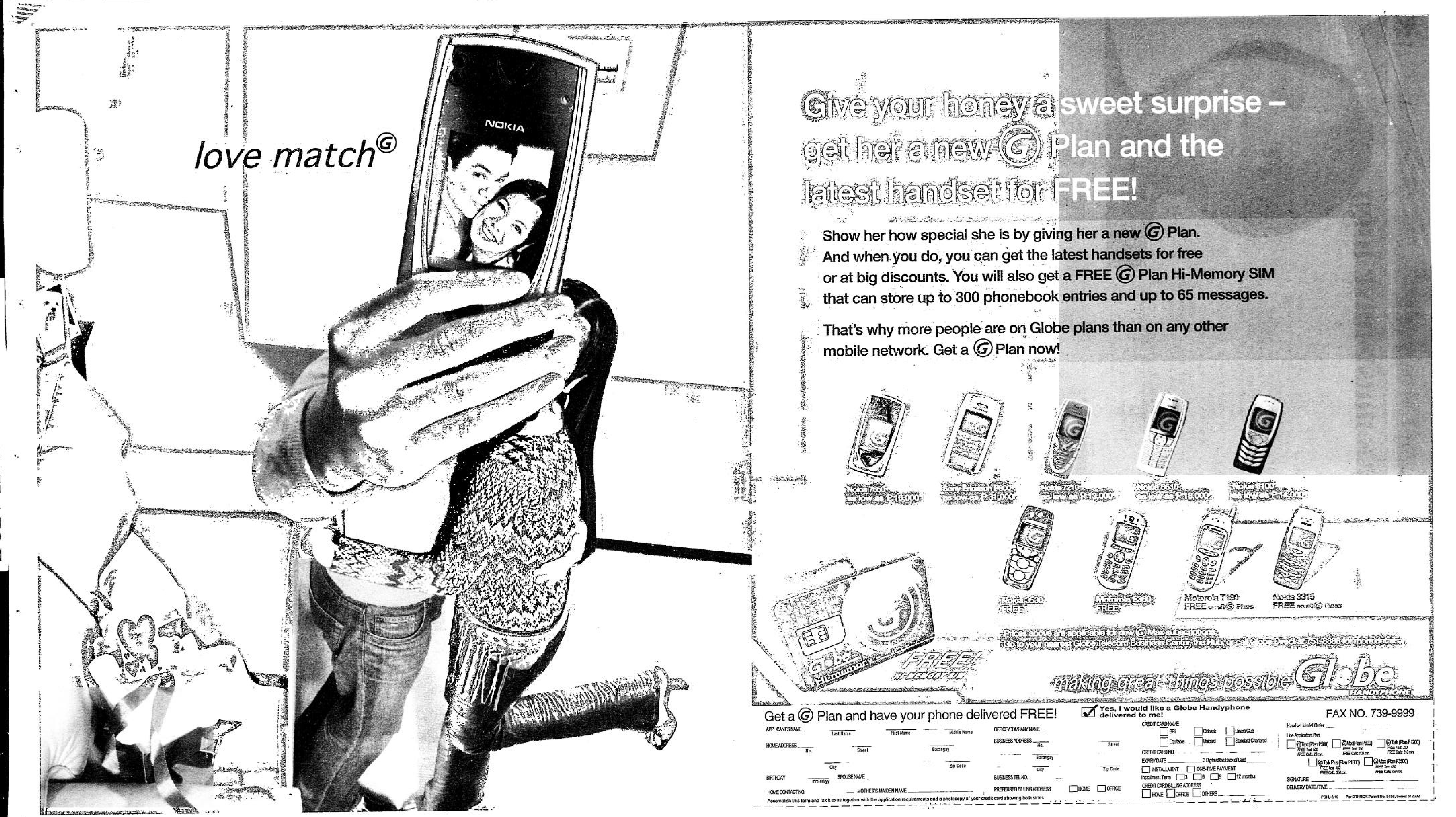

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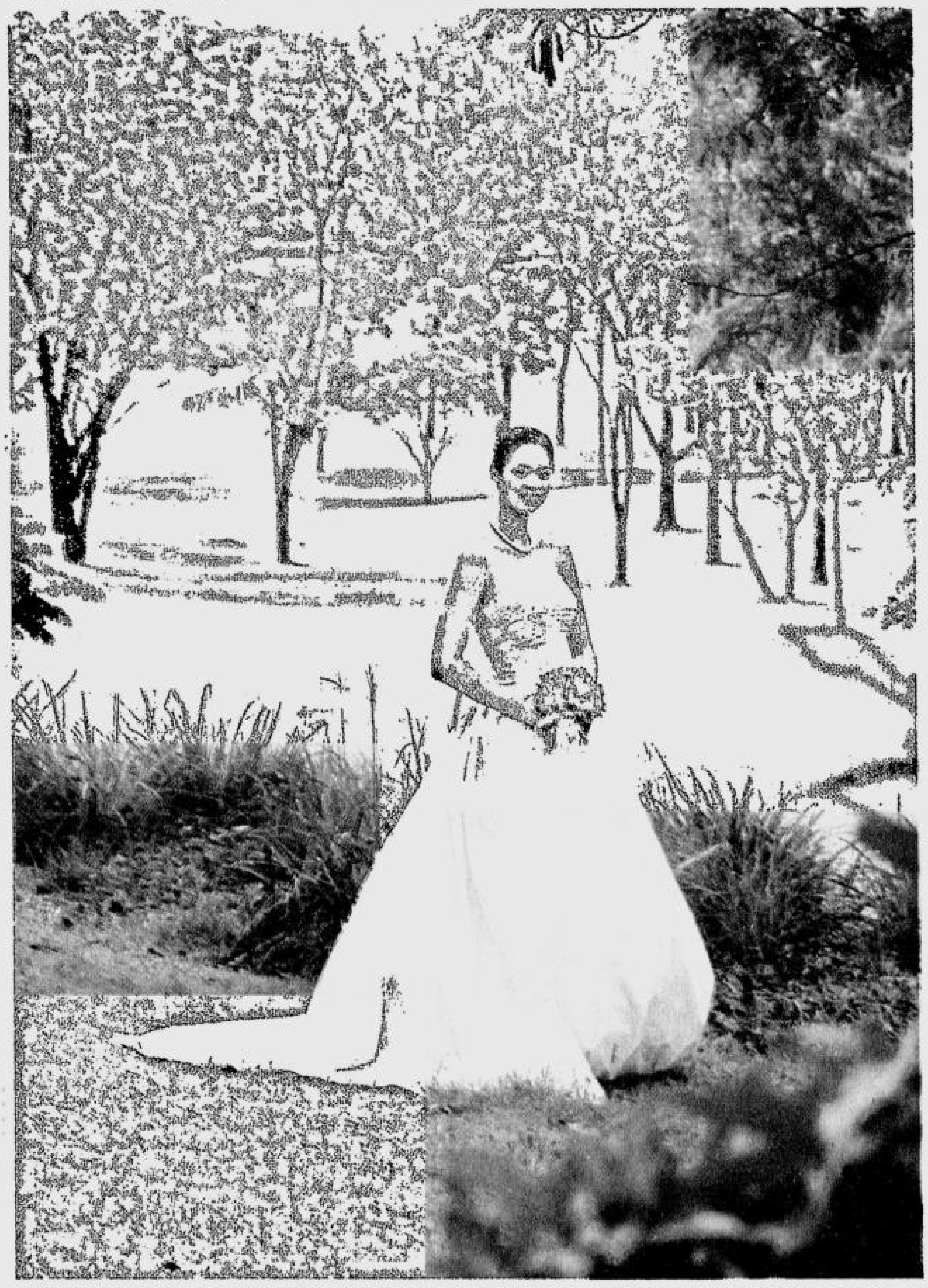

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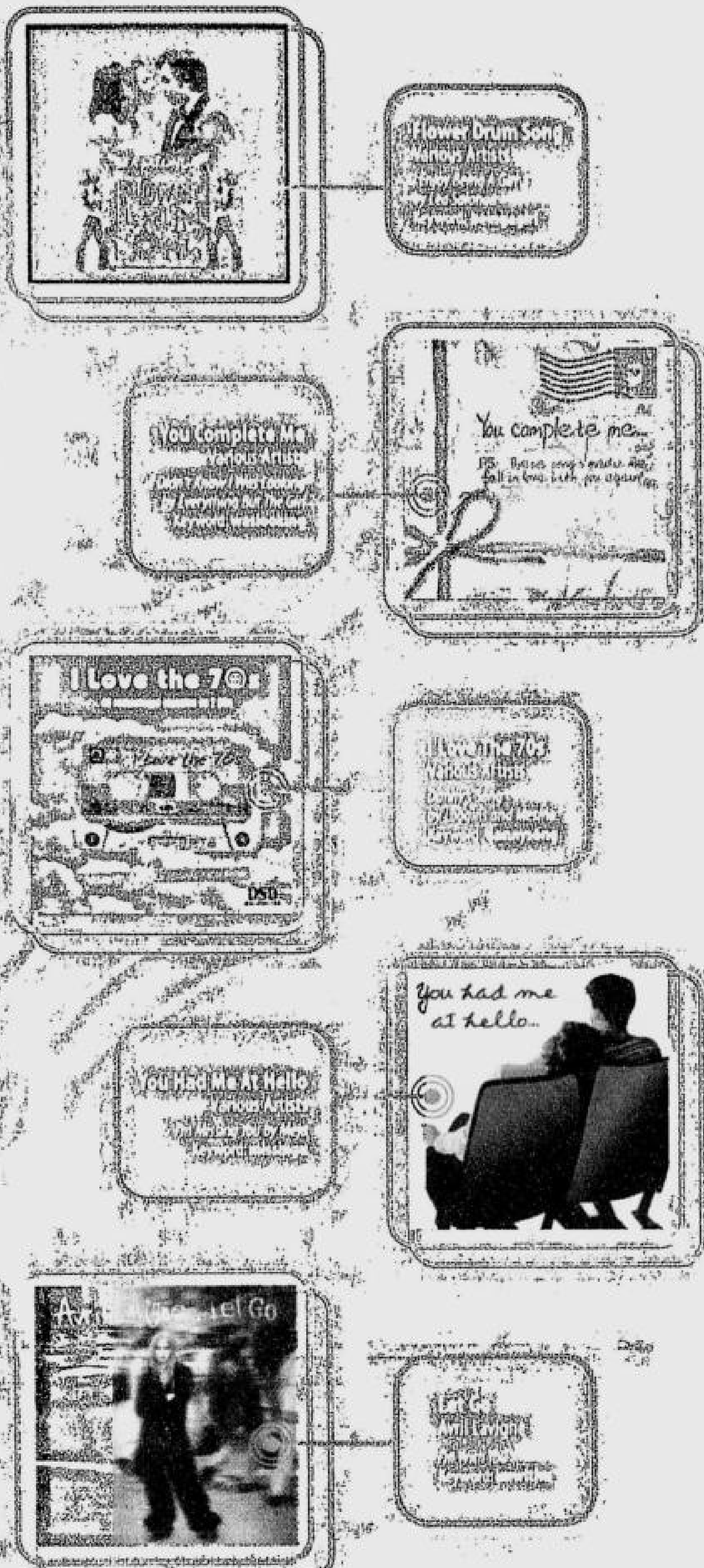

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From partygoing to Wedding

By Tim Yap

NEWLYWEDS April and Leonard de Guzman

"THE SECRET of a great and lasting marriage is treating your wife as your best friend," said Manny Blanco, while looking at her daughter April, a beaming bride to Leonard de Guzman. "And have a sense of humor," he smiled to the newlyweds.

Parents know best, indeed. Manny and Fanny Blanco (April's parents) and Bert and Cynthia De Guzman (Leonard's folks) have been married for over 30 years.

Before walking down the aisle, dad Manny looked at his daughter and asked, "This is it—are you ready for it?"

And holding back her tears, the dutiful daughter and young society darling answered, "Yes dad, I am."

And with that as her cue, April walked down the aisle, glowing in her flowing Rajo Laurel wedding dress, as Nolyn Cabahug's voice reverberated in the halls of the Sanctuario San Antonio in Forbes, where April had been attending Mass since she was a young girl.

Applause

The church was spruced with colors of the season. The principal sponsors were in dainty lilac while the secondary sponsors were splashed in periwinkle blue and silver hues.

A funny thing happened on the way to the altar. Veil sponsors Monchot Ongsiako and Leah De Guzman took a long time in attaching the veil. After several minutes of adjusting and re-adjusting the sacred binding cloth, Monchot and Leah finally got it right, earning applause from the audience and the priest.

A year before the wedding day, April and Leonard had met in a party of their common friend Raymond Toledo. Their eyes met, sparks flew and 12 months after, they were walking down a petal-showered red carpet together as husband and wife.

Note the coincidence—it was Raymond's aunt who introduced Leonard's parents to each other. "You guys should put up the Toledo matchmaking service," Leonard's dad Bert said.

For the reception, the entire Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La became a garden of spring foliage, as expertly decorated by Robert Buencaflor. A fountain greeted the guests in the reception hall. Patrick Uy snazzily took snapshots of them.

"I had to cut short my Spain trip because they're my favorite clients, " said Marichelle Ligon of Bridesmaids and Co. Inside the hall were more than 500 guests, friends and family, some of whom flew all the way from Europe and the US just to toast the newlyweds.

Unforgettable moment

The Blancos are into real estate (Fanny is a Catholic Women's Club and Venture 7 member), while the De Guzmans are into petrochemicals.

Leonard used to be based abroad, but chose to come back here and work for the family business after proposing to April.

"You can take home the flowers but not the tables and chairs," hosts Boyet Sison and Koy Rivera told the audience. They kept the guests in stitches with their witty repartee before Luke Mijares and South Border took over the floor. The band's first song was "Because of You," which the couple had requested for their first dance.

From there, it was non-stop revelry as April and Leonard led the guests on the dance floor. If there's anything the couple enjoys most, it's to celebrate their love with their friends, all of whom are mainstays of the party scene.

It didn't help that there was overflowing wine and scotch all throughout the night—this crowd was born to party. (The whole bridal entourage went straight to nearby V right after, where partying continued till the wee hours.)

Silver charm bracelets served as the night's souvenir, which April's best friend Colleen Yap wore as soon as she opened it from its Tiffany colored box.

But the most unforgettable part of the party was when the groom delivered his speech, teary-eyed. "I'm thankful to God for giving me the perfect woman."

And that is no joke.

> The groom was teary-eyed. 'I thank God for giving me the perfect woman'

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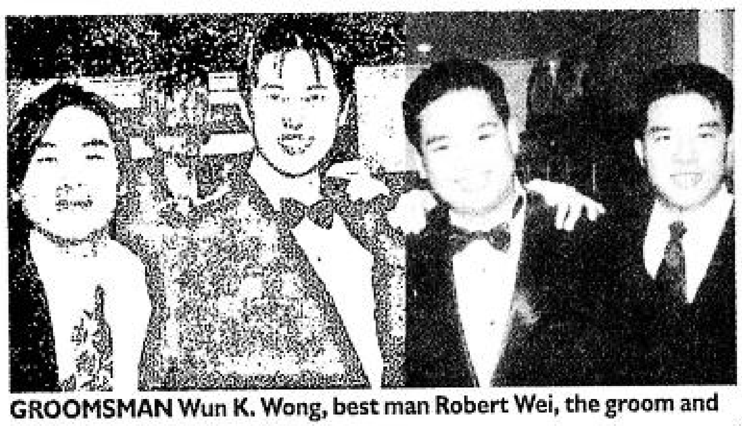

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THE BRIDE and groom with parents Manny and Fanny Blanco and Bert and Cynthia de Guzman

THE COUPLE with secondary sponsors (from left) Leah de Guzman, JR Bustamante, Jasmine Teodoro, Monchot Ongsiako, Tim Yap and Mickey Blanco

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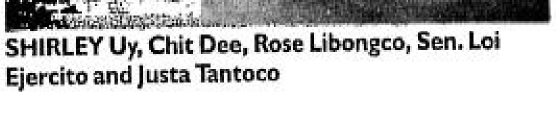

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Dr. **Jose Emmanuel Q. Pioc**, son of **Saturnino** and **Lourdes Pioc** of Davao City, will wed **Loida T. Corpuz**, daughter of **Loduvico** and **Zenaida Corpuz** of Midsayap, Cotabato, on April 8 at the Sta. Ana Shrine Parish Church, Davao City. Reception will follow at the Davao Convention and Trade Center.

CURAMENG-PERIA

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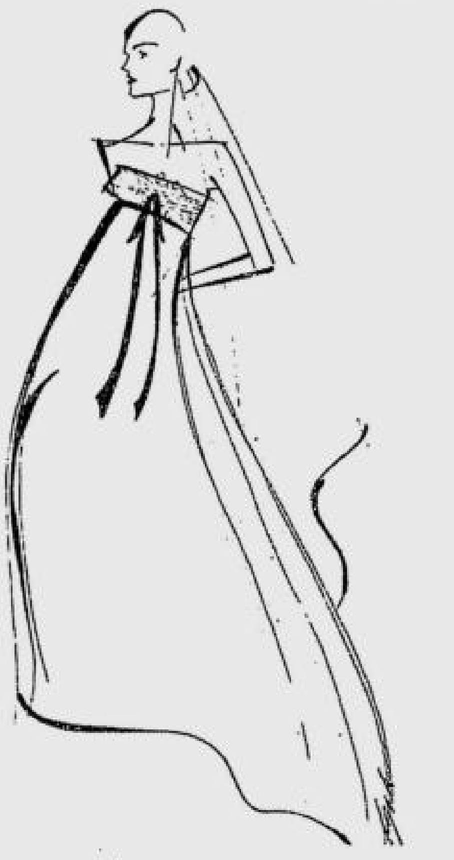

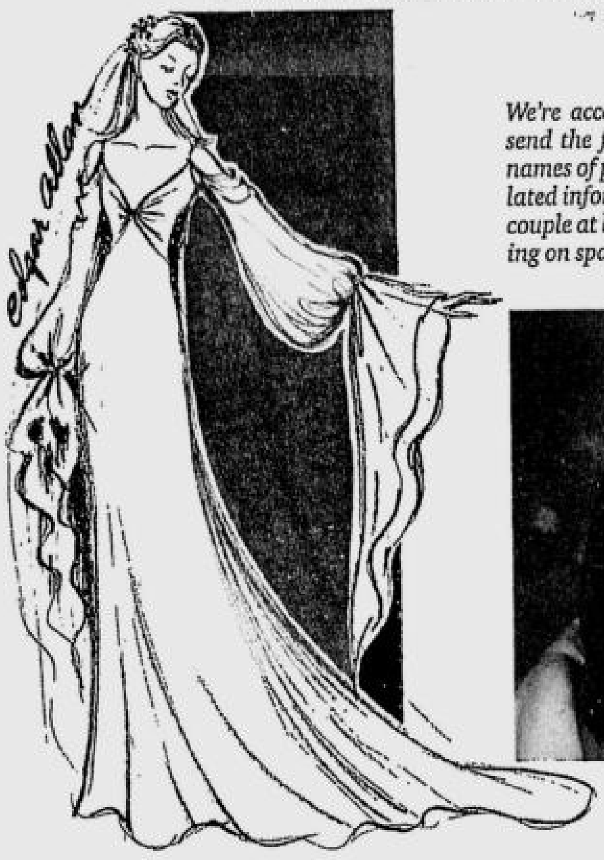

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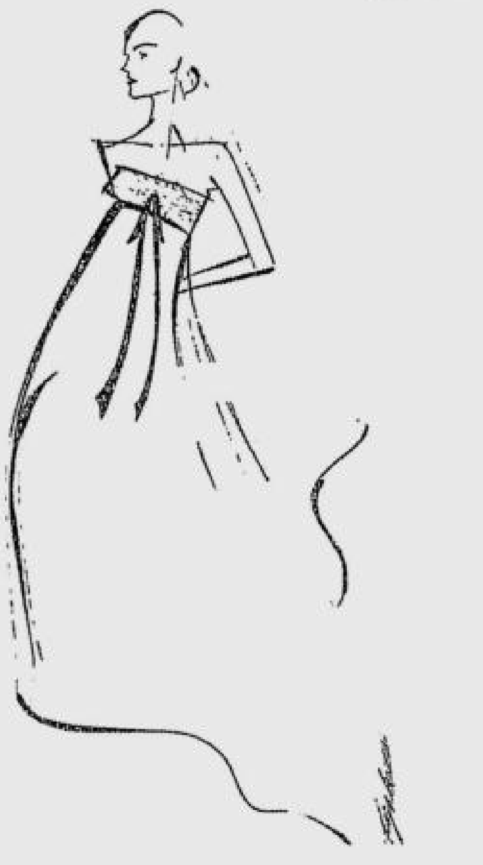

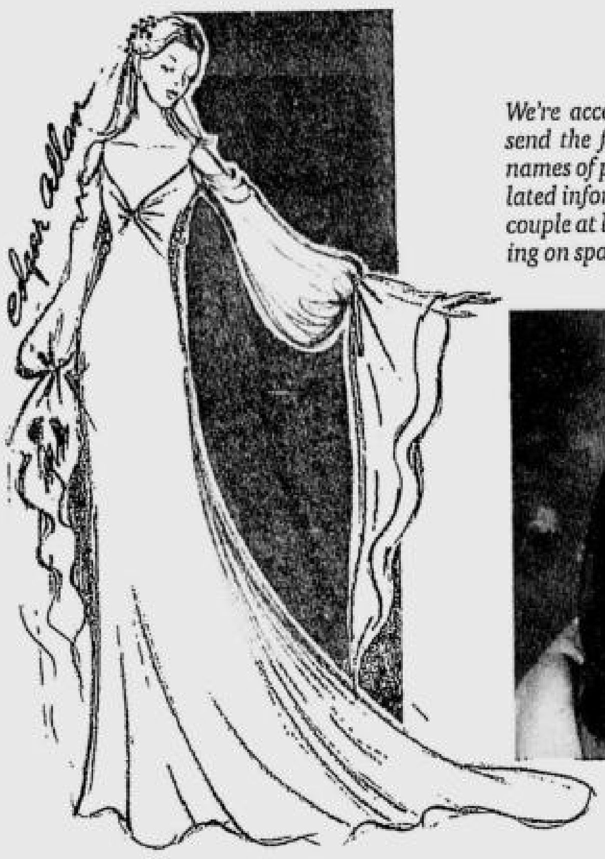

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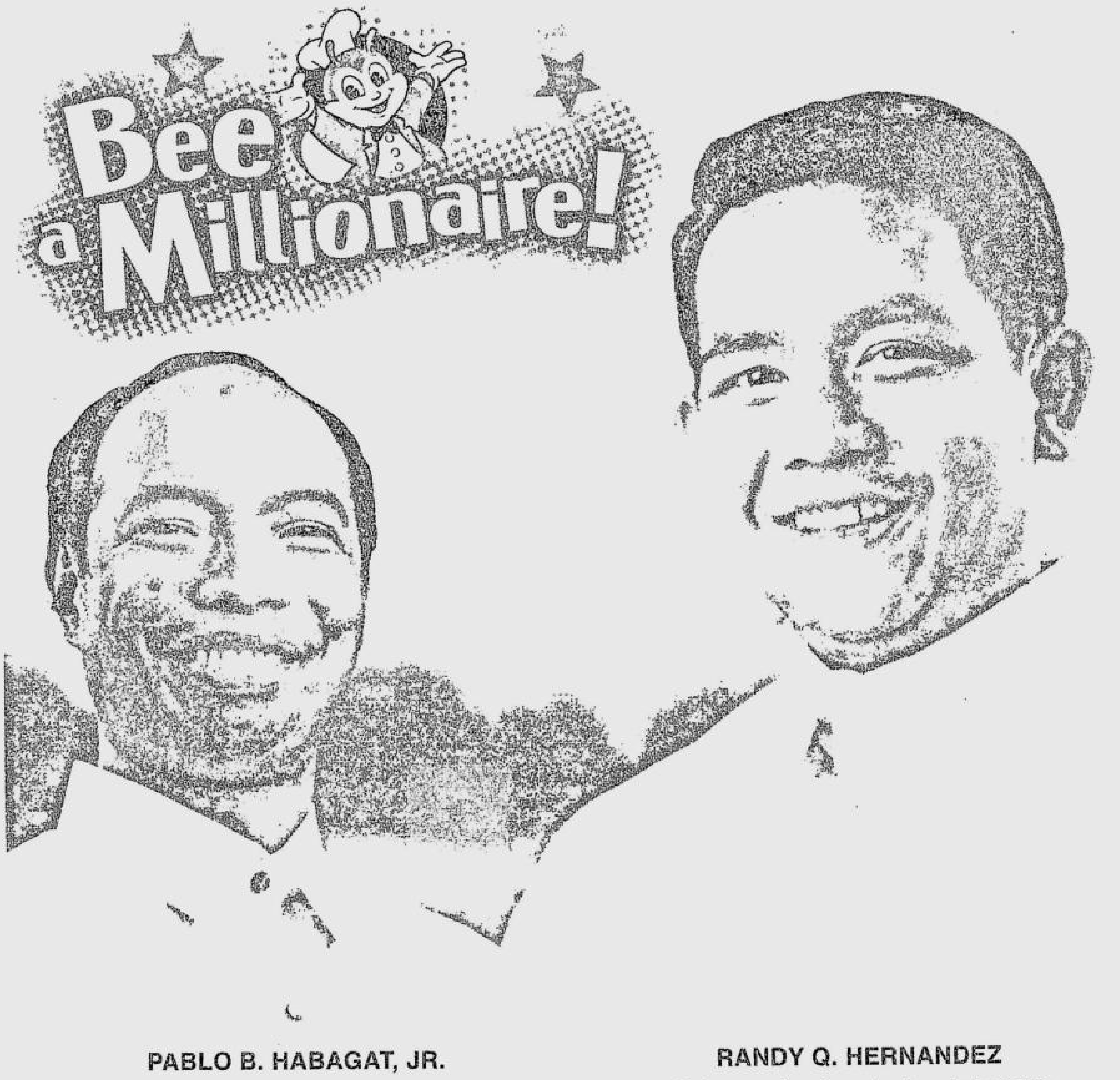
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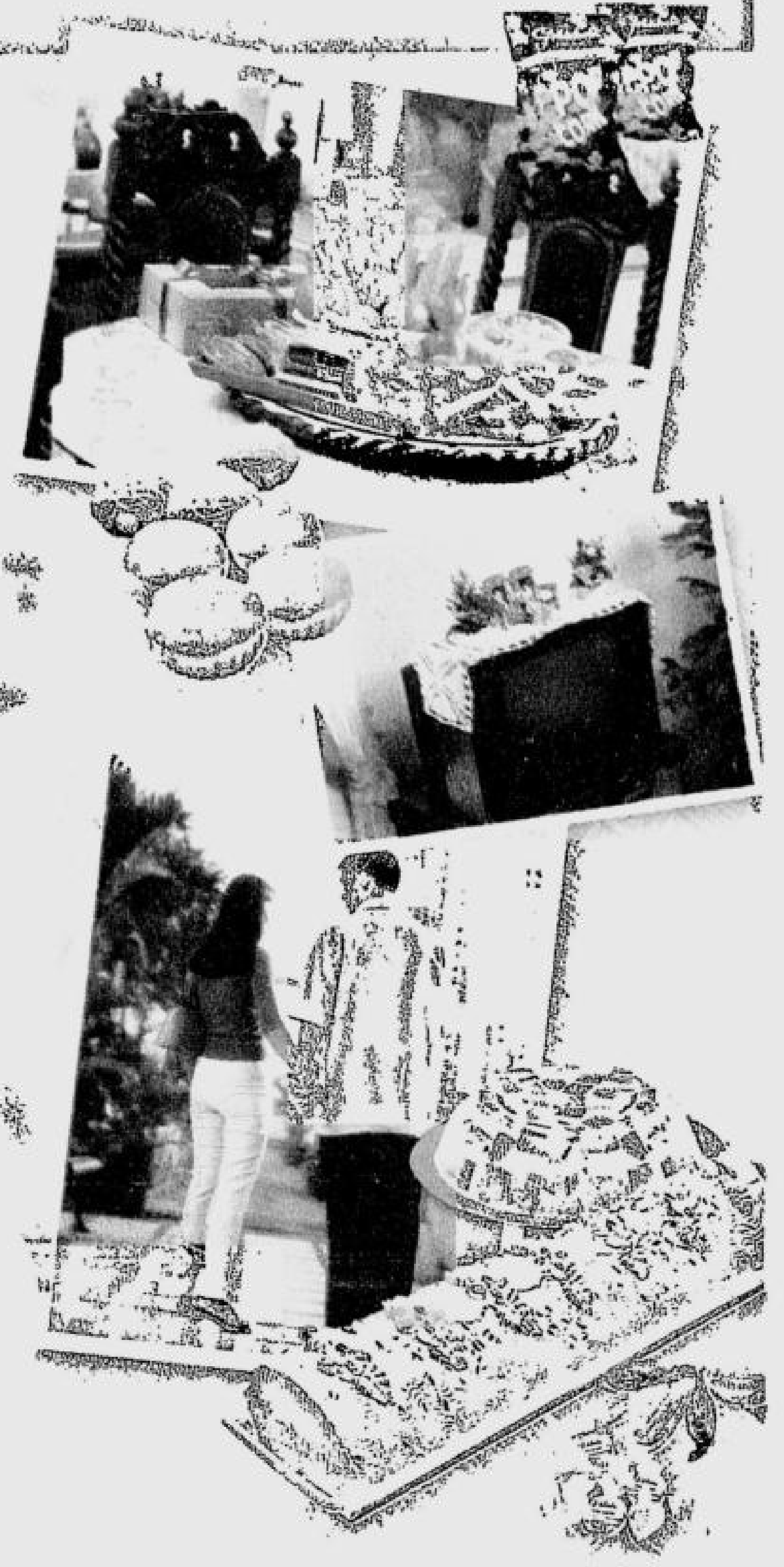
WHAT MAKES A *PINOY* A *PINOY*?

Have you ever stopped for a moment and asked yourself, "What is it about *Pinoys* that makes us so...*Pinoy*?" You stare blankly out your window as the neighbor's pet rooster crows and tricycles whiz by. Then return to your breakfast of *tuyo* and fried egg with garlic rice. And as you straighten your polo barong, and your children take your hand and put it on their foreheads before you head for the jeepney station past the corner sari-sari store, you shrug your shoulders and say, "I do not know."

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE BATANGAS COFFEE!!! It is time to celebrate all the things that make other people, and even ourselves say, "HOW *PINOY*!"



PINOY AT HOME

A discussion of the *Pinoy* way of life will not be complete without a visit to the *Pinoy* home. Bungalow, duplex, apartment, ancestral home...they may take on different forms from the outside, but after walking past the mini-garden of potted fortune plants and orchids and opening the screen door, you will notice the glaring similarities all *Pinoy* homes possess.

The *Pinoy* home is a personal sanctuary which must be protected from the elements. That is why almost all pieces of furniture are covered in plastic. And for appliances like television sets, karaoke mini-towers, refrigerators and oven toasters, hand-sewn lace is the mantle of choice for that special *Pinoy* homey touch.

The *Pinoy* home is also the venue where *Sto. Nino* meets Laughing Buddha. And family photographs, children's diplomas, and a "Weapons of Moroland" shield adorn the wall above the piano that, surprisingly, nobody knows how to play. And a portrait of the Last Supper always looks down on the family during meal times.

And, of course, no *Pinoy* dining room is complete without fruits and baked goodies like *ensaymada* and *mamon* on top of the round table with the *Lazy Susan* in the middle!

But with all the trimmings and trinkets that adorn their homes, one heart-warming sentiment remains true to all *Pinoys*, *"...basta't may bahay na mauuwian at pamilyang mapapasalubungan, okay na."* How *Pinoy* talaga!

PINOY IN LOVE

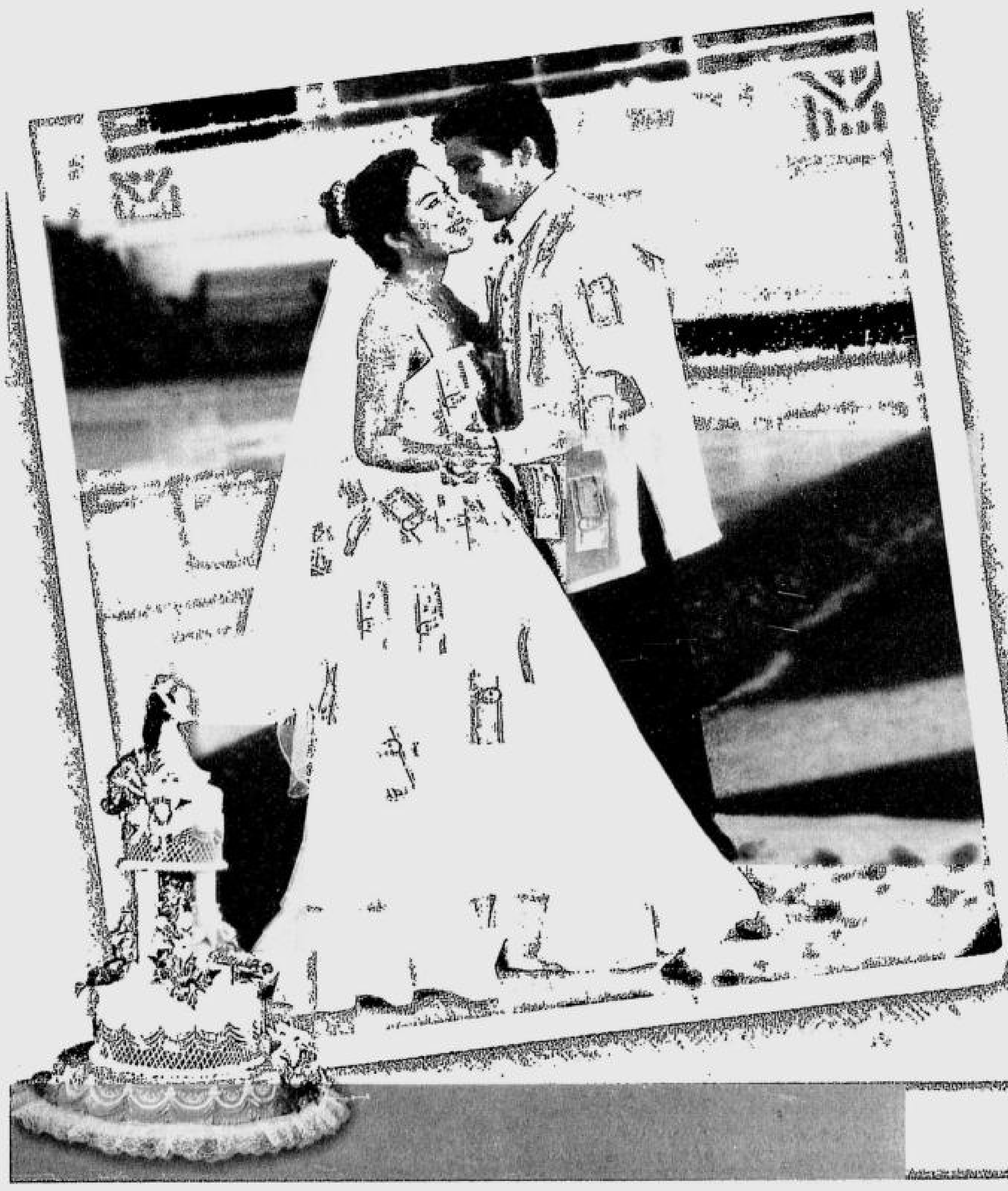
O pag-ibig... Romance is always in the *Pinoy* air. The foreign visitors themselves say it -- *Pinoys* are the most romantic people in the world. And we love falling in love! No wonder that, next to Christmas, Valentines is the second most anticipated day of the year.

The *Pinoy* heart is boundless in creatively expressing undying devotion to that "*special someone*". From the traditional tokens like flowers to more high tech ones like love song ringtones. And when the country's number one radio station plays love songs 24 hours a day, there is no doubt as to the importance *Pinoys* place on love...

Love teams in movies and *tele-seryes*...convenience stores and sidewalk vendors selling romance novels...and if those are not enough, browse through the following terms and situations. We are sure you're familiar with them (and we dare you not to smile):

H.H.W.W.P.S.S.P. (Holding Hands While Walking, Pa-Swing-Swing Pa)
BF, GF and TL (Boyfriend, Girlfriend and True Love)
I.T.A.L.Y. (I Trust And Love/Like You)
J.A.P.A.N. (Just Always Pray At Night)
Cuddling together or lying on the grass under an umbrella in the park
An on-air radio dedication, "*...to my ever-dearest Jenny. I love you, Mahal. Take care 'coz I care...*"

And rather than whisper sweet nothings, we *Pinoys* offer sweet and delightful treats like *polvoron* and *popcorn* for our beloved to take home and, more often than not, share with the rest of her family. How *Pinoy* talaga!



HOW THOUGHTFUL HOW *PINOY*

In the end, no matter what "Filipinism" we talk about, there is one true *Pinoy* trait that is inherent in all of us...thoughtfulness. And this thoughtfulness is most commonly expressed by the giving of Goldilocks to the people we care for. How *Pinoy* is Goldilocks? We think this poem sums it all up...

Sing-Pinoy ng po at opo,
Sing-Pinoy ng pagmano kay lolo.
Sing-Pinoy ng tumbang-preso,
Sing-Pinoy ng patintero.

Sing-Pinoy ng harurot ng jeepney,
Sing-Pinoy ng basketbol sa kalye.
Sing-Pinoy ng magdamagang videoke,
Sing-Pinoy ng ukay-ukay at tiangge.

Ito ang pasalubong para sa pamilya,
Ito ang sarap na may sayang kasama.
Ito ang Goldilocks at wala nang iba,
How Thoughtful, How Pinoy talaga!

Goldilocks

How Thoughtful. How *Pinoy*.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Top Ten ways to ease Metro Manila's traffic besides coding

We have been focusing too much on the color-coding scheme that has nothing to do with color as a solution to traffic congestion in Metro Manila. Should it be lifted? Or restored? Clearly, our cities need ideas so here's Lifestyle to the rescue

10 Make Madam Hooch of the Hogwart's School of Wizardry the MMDA chair so she can teach everyone how to maneuver Baguio brooms and say bye-bye to cars forever.

9 Send drivers who go 'counterflow' in traffic to NPA-infested areas for counter-insurgency missions.

8 Administer psych tests to determine the number of hours and days before a person goes insane from driving in our wild, wild streets.

7 Mandate congressmen and senators to be quartered in the Congress and Senate buildings, respectively, so they can have all the time to pass effective bills and stop oppressing the people with motorcades of their siren-happy bodyguards and mistresses.

6 Install a device to monitor motorists so cops can chain to a wrecking ball anyone who takes the car to go somewhere within walking distance.

5 Hire the Abu Sayyaf and the road-rage convicts as traffic enforcers.

4 Okay, No. 5 is too drastic so just hire sidewalk vendors as traffic enforcers and whoever violates traffic rules will be ordered to buy everything the vendors-

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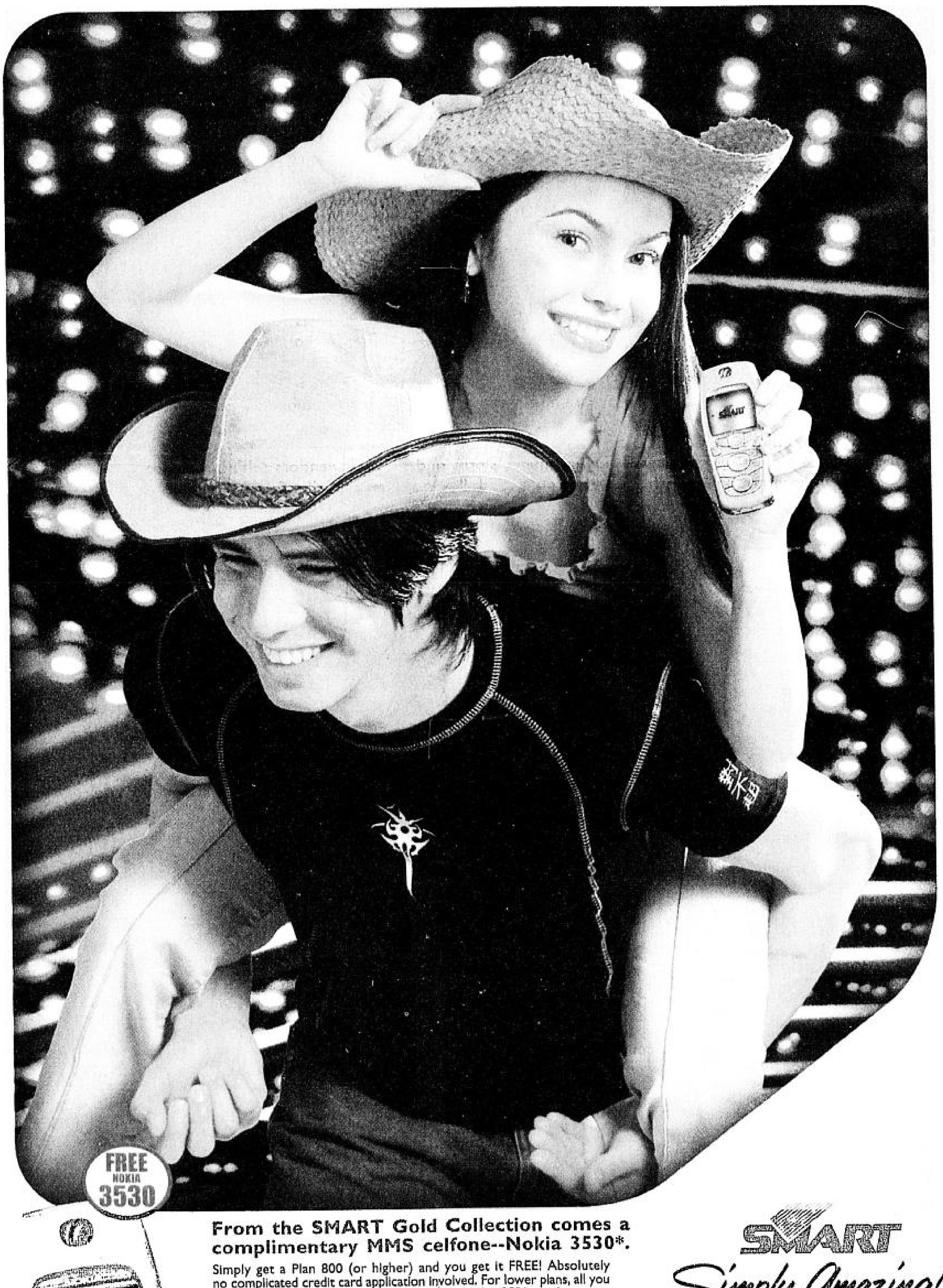

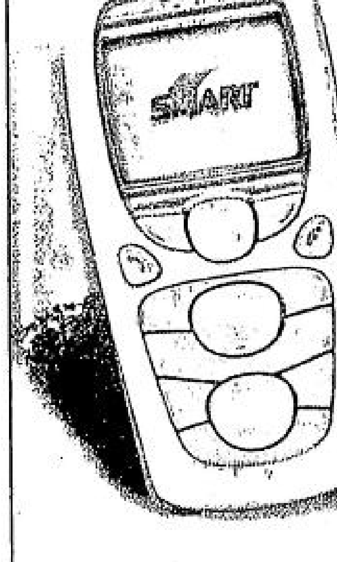

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Chinese cultural series ongoing in Intramuros

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

LOOKS like the cultural hiatus is over.

Teresita Ang Sy's Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran Inc., in association with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the cultural office of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, started the ball rolling with "Fiesta Tsinoy 2003: Chinese Cultural Series" at the Kaisa-Angelo King Heritage Center in Intramuros. The year-long series of cultural events features Chinese movies, martial arts demonstrations and exhibits.

The Tsinoy Museum on Anda Street in Intramuros is well worth a visit. View life-size dioramas of the Parian and the various trades practiced by the Chinese.

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The British Council's "UK Fortnight" recently held at the Mandarin Oriental showcased "Through the Looking Glass," a theatrical presentation featuring designs of **Rajo Laurel** and **Patrice Ramos-Diaz**, inspired by the course on Experimental Fashion, which they took at Central St. Martin in August.

Aside from the fashion spectacular, the council also organized a British Film Festival at the Shangri-La Plaza, a food festival at Shangri-La Hotel, literary readings and an Education Fair that allowed visitors to experience some of the latest computer games developed and published n the United Kingdom. (What many people don't know is that the UK is the biggest foreign investor in the country today. But, the British are basically low-key).

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Another much-appreciated celebration was the 75th founding anniversary of Far Eastern University (FEU). Kudos to chair **Lourdes Montinola** and **Lourdes Echauz**, acting president, as well as the university staff for the simple yet meaningful ceremonies.

A commemorative stamp was launched as well as a book, "Art and Culture @ Far Eastern University," designed and edited by **Ding Roces** and niece, **Sylvia Roces Montilla**. The book pays tribute to FEU founder and visionary **Nicanor Reyes Sr.**

THELMA Gana, Maribel Ongpin, Chitang G. Nakpil, Gemma Cruz-Araneta and Johanna Ongpin

NATIONAL Historical Institute director Ambeth Ocampo delivers the opening remarks.

The FEU campus is a green oasis in the midst of Manila's dirt and pollution. For the ceremonies, tables were laid out on the lawn, which was surrounded by trees. Guests, who were mostly family friends, were treated to musical performances after the blessing and inauguration of the new college of engineering building. What better memorial to a man like Nicanor Reyes than to have his dream realized.

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Many of Manila's prominent personalities joined the celebration of Australia's national day, which emphasized the strong relations between the country Down Under and the Philippines.

More than 500 guests graced the affair hosted by Australian Ambassador **Ruth Pearce** at her residence. Popular singer **Calvin Millado** sang the Philippine National Anthem while the embassy's second secretary, **Clark Gatehouse**, sang Australia's.

As guests enjoyed Australian wines and the buffet prepared by Mandarin Oriental, Ambassador Pearce reminded everyone that her country continues to support the Philippines' efforts to contribute to global and regional security and welcomed emigrants to help develop the country's natural resources.

EDITOR Sylvia Roces Montilla and author Alfredo Roces of "Art and Culture @ Far Eastern University"

Cavite church celebrates Our Lady of Candelaria's feast day

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

ONCE in a while, there's a homily that brings tears to your eyes, the way it did to Bishop Chito Tagle of Imus diocese. The Church of Our Lady of Candelaria in Silang, Cavite, was filled to capacity during the High Mass on Feb. 3 to honor Our Lady on her feast day. Thirty priests concelebrated the Mass.

Bishop Chito said: "This feast [of Our Lady of Candelaria] reminds us that we have Christ who is the Light of the world. It reminds us to lift up the light and brighten the darkness."

He continued: "Do not hide the light. No one is too poor to be able to lift up the light. All of us can lift up the light and brighten the world. The poor can give. What they can give is seemingly like a small candle (like a small gift) but it can give out light, however small."

Bishop Tagle proceeded to tell the story of the poor candle vendor in Our Lady of the Pillar church in Imus when he was still its parish priest. At that time in 1997, the roof of the church was destroyed by very strong winds. In a month's time, donations reached a million pesos.

One day, the poor candle vendor approached Father Chito and told him that she would give half of her daily earnings in order to help. So on the first day, she gave P40, on the second day, P37.50 and so on until the roof was repaired.

Bishop Chito said: "It is not the sum of what she gave that was important. Her light was her commitment to give something. Her light was small but it brightened up the world."

The church's feel

Everyone knows Materning, the half-crazy woman in the church of Imus. During a gathering in the parish, Materning got some food and looked for Father Chito. She told the priest that he should already eat as he was tired. But Father Chito told her to go ahead and eat, but the woman insisted.

Since he was busy talking to people, Father Chito forgot about Materning until he found her seated in a corner of the churchyard still holding the plate of food for the priest.

Bishop Chito said: "Reflecting on this later, I realized how Materning gave out her own little light. *Sinto-sinto* as she was, her mission was to give food to the priest. To her that was important."

Through the sermon, we were inspired to give our own light to the world. There is something we can give to make this world a better place to live in. Christ, after all, is within us.

Friends of Matinloc

The Friends of Matinloc is dedicated to propagating the love of God through prayer and music. They are currently promoting the CD entitled "Sa Ating Paglalakbay: Tungo sa Bagong Herusalem II" as a tribute to Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his 25th year as Pope.

Michael Manlavi, project coordinator, writes: "The 14-track CD showcases powerful renditions by Prof. Eugene A. de los Santos of the UST Conservatory of Music, the Sto. Domingo Male Chorale, and two sopranos: Elisanta G. Cortes and Maria Hasmen Aliw-iw R. Pioquinto. The CD includes the carrier single 'Sa Iyo Iaalay (To Thee I Offer)' composed and sung by Grace F. Quiyo. In keeping with the Christmas season, the CD also features 'Ang Pangakong Kaligtasan' (tracks 3-7), 'Christmas Suite,' which emphasizes the love of God the father to His people by the gift of Jesus Christ, the Promised Savior."

For inquiries, call 817-7506 local 119.

Inspired by St. Francis and St. Clare

Our Lady of Angels Seminary has come up with a cassette tape, "The Power of Touch," which features songs inspired by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

The album reflects Franciscan spirituality. Fr. Cielo Almazan, OFM, rector of the seminary, writes: "In these difficult times marked by threats of war and destruction of human life, families, societies and nations, we want to give hope and consolation through music that can inspire our uncertain spirits.

"The singers are none other than our talented friars, our seminarians, the Singing Poverellos (Talipapa, QC), St. Clare Chorale (Frisco) and the Franciscan Dream Chorale (Frisco). You may never have heard of these people, but we love to give this rare opportunity of recording their music, part of our commitment to help them develop their talents for their personal enhancement and formation."

Tapes are available at St. Paul's bookstores on St. Paul Street, San Antonio Village, Makati or text Father Cielo at (0916) 484-7297.

Our Lady of Manaoag in PWU

The pilgrim image of Our Lady of Manaoag arrived at the Philippine Women's University Feb. 10 after it was met at the Balintawak toll gate by PWU vice president Noel Benitez and alumni relations director Linda Chincuanco.

The arrival of the image was one of the highlights of the 83rd foundation year of the school. Dr. Helena Benitez said the visit of the holy image would kick off a massive prayer rally for divine intervention in the present global situation.

The Holy Mass last Monday at 6 p.m. was sponsored by the Bayanihan Folk Arts Foundation led by its chair, Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco. Fr. Saturnino Pilotos Jr. celebrated the Mass with music from the PWU Workers of Christ Choir.

Previously, Dr. Helena Benitez went to the shrine in Manaoag during the Calicayo Festival to crown the Virgin after the performance of the Bayanihan.

The pilgrim image was returned to Manaoag Feb. 12 after a noon Mass by Fathers John Brannigan, Sonny Ramirez and Jun Pilotos.

Charity concert

The Instituto de Cervantes de Manila will present Spanish pianist Felipe Ramirez and soprano Rachelle Gerodias on March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Francisco Santiago Hall of the PCI Bank for the benefit of the Friendship Home of Father Luis Amigo. The home, managed by Bro. Luis Ortiz, provides shelter and education for poor young Filipinos.

The Friendship Home is named after Father Luis Amigo who founded the order of the Amigonian priests and brothers. It is committed to the service of children and youth who are in difficult circumstances.

Lourdes feast

The Harrison Plaza Chapel marked the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Feb. 11 with a High Mass celebrated by Fr. Constantino Conti, Fr. Sanny de Claro, Fr. Ariel Alegre and Fr. Joseph Soe.

The celebration is done every year by Harrison Plaza management because its owner, Tony Martel, and his wife Belen are devotees of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Irene Martel-Francisco remembers that since she was 19 years old, her father has been visiting the shrine in Lourdes, France, every year. Her mother, Luz Puyat Martel, on the other hand, was devoted to St. Martha. The image is lit up every Tuesday by devotees who pray to her on that day.

Our Lady of Fatima

The pilgrim image of Our Lady of Fatima will arrive on Feb. 20 from Korea to visit churches in celebration of the year of the Holy Rosary. Schedule is as follows: Feb. 21, 12:15 p.m., Holy Mass at Manila Cathedral; 4:30 p.m. of the same day, talk by Fr. Constante Arevalo; 6 p.m., Holy Mass by Bishop Soc Villegas; departure after Mass to Binondo Church where Mass will be said on Feb. 22; Feb. 23, Sto. Domingo Church; Feb. 24., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 12 noon Mass; Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Mass at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Pasig; Feb. 25, Edsa Shrine; Feb. 26, Our Lady of Grace Parish, Caloocan; Feb. 27, Center for Peace; and Feb. 28, departure for Iloilo. Tony Adriano will decorate the *carroza* of the Virgin and altar of the Manila Cathedral.

IMUS Bishop Chito Tagle celebrates Mass at Our Lady of Candelaria Church in Silang, Cavite.

BAYANIHAN Dance Troupe founder Dr. Helena Z. Benitez crowns the Blessed Virgin Mary after the performance of the dance company at the Calicayo Festival in Manaoag, Pangasinan.

Top 10 ways to ease Metro Manila's traffic besides coding

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enforcers are selling.

3 **Lock up drivers who block intersection in cages on Edsa wearing nothing but thongs and dancing to the tune of 'Asereje'—regardless of gender.**

2 **Fund workshops on bilocation (under Kris Aquino?), levitation or astral travel and the invention of teleportation machines, to be tested first by every Mr. Big Shot Mayor who uses his town's ambulance on his regular trips to the best little whorehouse in Pasay.**

And the No. 1 way to ease the traffic in Metro Manila is to...

1 **Issue driver's licenses only to men who look like Piolo Pascual and women who weigh like Ally McBeal.**

She feels inferior to her brother

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I'm a third-year veterinary medicine student. Compared to my younger brother, I'm an average student. When I go home from the dorm every weekend, I feel ashamed of myself. My brother would relate his accomplishments for the week, including his almost-perfect test scores, while I could not say anything I could be proud of. My exams don't get grades as high as his, and I even fail in some. I might even stay in school an extra year to retake a prerequisite subject where I got an incomplete grade.

My parents don't compare me with my brother, but I'm still depressed. Sometimes, when I'm exhausted with my studies, I think of dropping my course. Please help me.

DANIELLE

If your brother is only in grade school or high school, then it accomplishes little to weigh your academic performance against his. You are in college and your subjects are many times more difficult than his. The only basis for comparing the two of you is that you are both students.

Even if your brother is also in college, his grades do not make him a superior being either. His IQ might be high, but his EQ (emotional quotient) is dismally low. He must have long been aware that he does better in school than you do, and you must have remained silent whenever he narrated his feats.

Keep in mind, my dear, that we all have our individual skills and waterloos. God must be telling us that our planet can only be truly happy if we complement, rather than compete with, each other. If we treat everything as a contest, then there will always be the vanquished who'll rue their loss and champions who'll live in fear of being bested someday—and all of us will be miserable.

So be inspired rather than feel damned by your brother's achievements. You might not be his equal in academics, but you would not have reached third year if you had not good at all. My guess is, you only need to concentrate more on your difficult subjects to get better grades, but you haven't been able to do that because your mind is preoccupied with fear of failure.

You don't have to aim for the dean's list. Your ultimate goal is to be a veterinarian, and you can be one even if your grades in college and the board exams simply hit the passing mark. That doesn't mean either that you'll be a mediocre vet. A lot of things that come into play in the professional life can't be taught or learned in school. Many of those who turned out to be highly successful professionals were not honor students at all.

We all have our time to shine. This might not be your time yet. Remember the story of the Ugly Duckling, who felt out of place but turned out to be a beautiful swan? That story is not about physical beauty alone; it was about the other beautiful things in us that are only waiting for the right time and place to come out.

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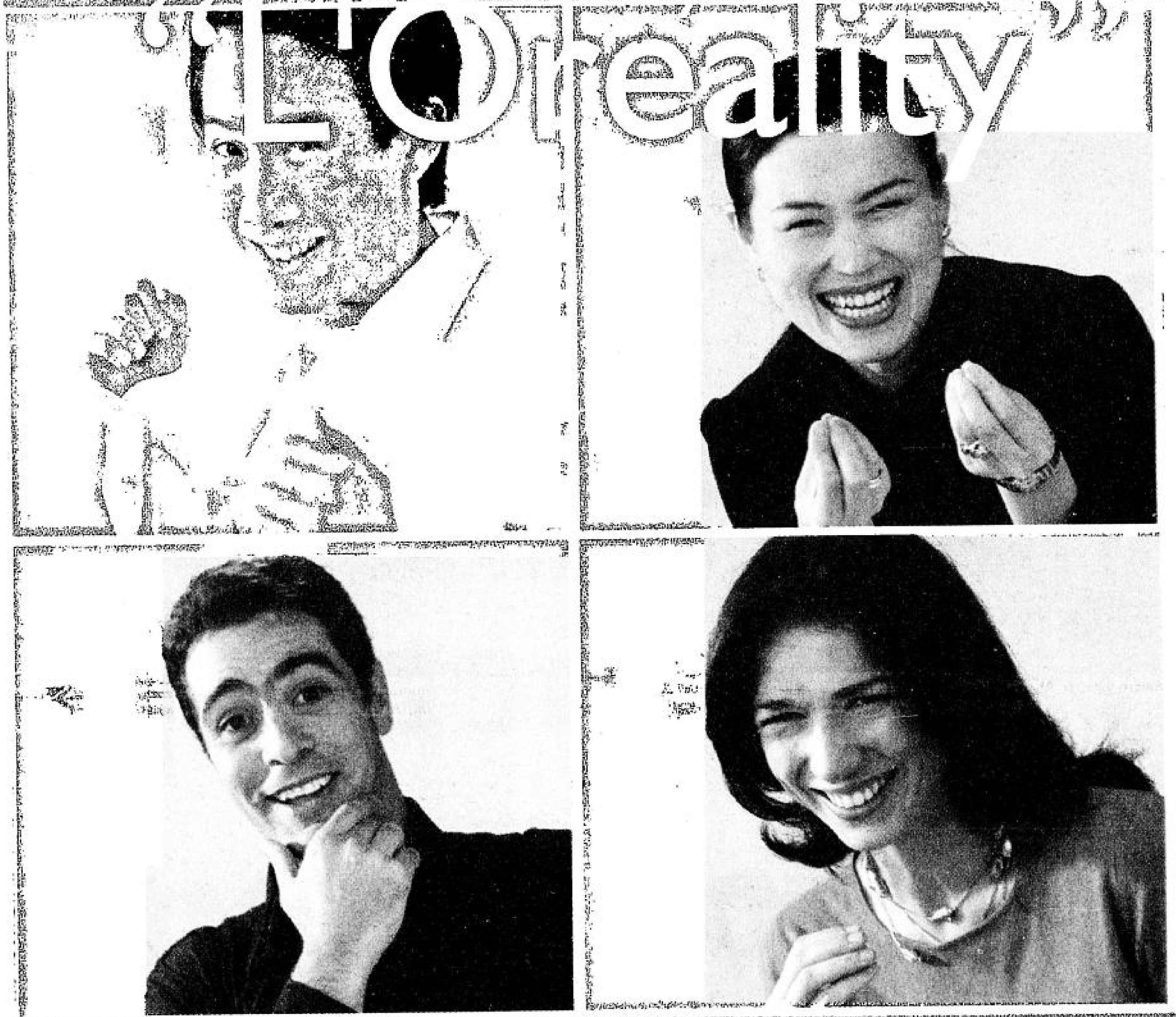

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Glitzy celebration with La Chaine des Rotisseurs

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It was Carnival in Venice; every guest got a glitzy feathered mask on a wand. Amparito, dazzling in black, was beside **Michel Lhuillier** welcoming the guests, led by La Chaine's *chancellier* **Fred Frank Fricke**, who flew from Manila just for this event. Pre-dinner cocktails were held at the foyer. Every imaginable antipasto and flutes of champagne were served on silver trays.

La Gondola was transformed into a palazzo worthy of Palladio, so we must congratulate **Marco Protacio** for the décor. Waterfront Hotels president **Patrick Gregorio** was so amazed when he told a couple at his table, **August Meierhofer** and **Marilou**, who are very active in La Chaine in Zurich where they live.

Chef Dietmar prepared a fantastic menu, and Markus spent the entire afternoon choosing wines from La Gondola's well-stacked cellar. De Bortoli Montage Semillion Chardonnay 1997 was served with the first course, smoked duck breast salad with balsamic dressing and walnut oil.

Riesling Grand Cru Pfersigberg-Wolfberger 1995 accompanied the next two courses: cappuccino of fresh mushrooms and truffled lobster with poached oysters. Yes, they came from Canada, Markus told **Gabriel Palmer** and a Canadian couple, **David** and **Joy Sharpe**. Did a sudden cool breeze remind all of La Tramontana in Venice?

It was a block of colored ice on each plate, holding a sherbet of green apple and chestnut, flavored with Campari. That was the prelude to the main course—veal rack filled with spinach, gorgonzola and cotta, with a Pinot Girgio sauce. With the perfect wine, too—De Bortoli Shiraz Yarra Valley 1993.

Everyone wanted to know what Stella della Meza Notte (midnight star) meant in gastronomic terms. The dessert was concocted with chocolate, glazed chestnuts and a caramel half moon.

La Chaine in Cebu will hold its next event at Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort, whose GM **Desmond Hatton** and F&B director **Dexter Cheng** were present at this dinner. The date is March 4, and 20 new members will be inducted to the Cebu chapter. Its theme is "Out of the Blue," featuring the seafood Cebu is famous for.

MARCO Protacio, Amparito Lhuillier and Markus Stern

Amparito, who left last week, will be back by then. She went to New York City for Fashion Week as her daughter **Monique Lhuillier** presented her Fall 2003 collection of evening gowns on Feb. 14 at the Bryant Park. Monique has participated several times in the NYC Fashion Week with her highly successful bridal line, but this was her first showcase of evening formals.

Cebu is proud of Monique as she was born here. She always dreamt of becoming a successful designer; so she has, and more. With her husband **Tom Bugbee**, they started out with a modest sum that has transformed itself into a multimillion-dollar business. Her bridal line is in 60 salons all over the USA, with some in Japan, Hong Kong and Mexico.

Monique's evening gowns are distributed through Neiman Marcus and Saks 5th Avenue. Hollywood celebrities wear them at galas, and soon, two of her gowns will be on the covers of Cosmopolitan (to be worn by **Renee Zellweger**) and Vanity Fair. At the NYC Fashion Week, her best model proved to be her mom Amparito.

Lea Salonga has chosen Monique to do her wedding dress. She went to Monique's atelier in Beverly Hills, which is more like a museum gallery because of the artistic display of clothes. She chose details from various gowns, and Monique is putting them together.

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Boracay Bodies Model Search 2003 on E! will kick off its second year with a beach-theme party dubbed "Boracay@Dish" on March 13 at Dish in Rockwell, where the Manila finalists will be chosen.

Another event is set on March 22 at Club Bazzura for the Visayas leg of the competition.

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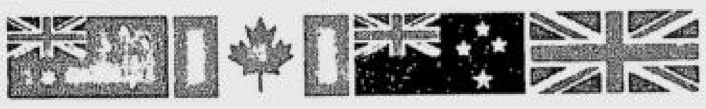

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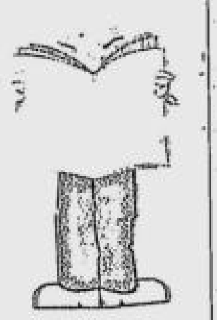

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- Must have at least 2 to 3 years work experience in a garments company as QA Head or Supervisor
- Quality Assurance experience in a garment export company will be an advantage
- Able to relate with all levels of the organization

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- Must be an Artist Design or any related course graduate with minimum 2 years experience gained from a retail establishments
- Can create, understand and translate 3 dimensional space concept into a conceptual drawings
- Has a strong fashion sense and familiarity with style trends
- With strong merchandising and presentation skills
- Willing to travel on extended trips
- Has the ability to work independently while handling multiple projects concurrently
- Not more than 30 years old

JUNIOR GRAPHIC ARTIST

- Graduate of Graphic Design or any related course with a minimum of 2 years work experience from an Ad Agency or Design Studio
- Thorough knowledge of Photoshop, Illustrator, Corel Draw and other graphic softwares
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The WHSMP~PC works in close collaboration with its partners—the DOH Centers for Health Development, LGUs and NGOs—to improve the health and status of women, through the use community health development techniques which enable women at the barangay level to identify and articulate their health needs and be involved in developing and implementing plans to achieve positive changes for health.

The Project is currently seeking a highly qualified and experienced

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for its Office in Manila

The person we are seeking: will have qualifications, preferably at a post graduate level, in Commerce, Business Management or other relevant area of study, with at least 5 years experience in senior roles in the various aspects of administrative and financial management. He/She will be responsible for the supervision and management of the Project's financial and administrative activities, and will demonstrate initiative, a strong commitment to excellence and a well developed sense of responsibility and integrity. A CPA license would be an advantage.

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The Executive Director is based at the Chamber Office located at the 7th Floor, Oakwood Premier, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City. Remuneration is based on local appointment and a suitable package will be negotiated.

Interested parties may e-mail their application letter and curriculum vitaé to the ANZCHAM Corporate Secretary at rmb@bengzonlaw.com or to the Executive Secretary at esecretary@anzcham.com

All applications must arrive on or before **28 February 2003** and will be treated with strictest confidence.

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Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
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URGENT RECRUITMENT

A project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and implemented by the Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), is in search of qualified candidates for the following posts, to report directly to the both the Project Manager and Co-Project Manager, and be based full-time in Catbalogan, Samar:

Communications Specialist

Technical Accountabilities:

1. Prepare and implement an integrated Information, Education and Communications (IEC) and advocacy program of project activities as well as monitor the implementation and impact of the said program
2. Prepare periodic and other reports pertaining to the IEC and advocacy program
3. Design appropriate IEC materials for the different target audience
4. Establish and strengthen the Project's partnership with the NGOs/Pos, LGU, media, academe, upland community groups and other sectors
5. Coordinate the preparation of news and information about the project and facilitate their dissemination to the public
6. Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of IEC and advocacy subcontracted activities and assist in evaluating and recruiting of subcontractors
7. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the DENR and Project Managers.

Qualifications:

1 Bachelor's degree in Development Communications, Communication Arts or related fields
2. Excellent communication skills in English, Pilipino and Waray languages
3. At least five (5) years experience in designing and implementing IEC and advocacy campaigns on biodiversity conservation and protected area management
4. Has established network with media practitioners and proven ability to work with local communities, NGOs, LGUs
5. Has good understanding of biodiversity conservation
6. Willing to stay in Samar for the duration of the assignment, resident of Samar is an advantage
7. In good health, willing and able to undertake extensive field work.

Architect/Civil Engineer

Technical Accountabilities:

1. Prepare the necessary specifications, design and cost estimates of protected area facilities such as PA headquarters/administrative centre, ranger posts, interpretation facility, trails, signages and other facilities that harmonize with the over-all concept of conservation
2. Assist the project in the selection and engagement of contractors who will be tasked to construct such facilities;
3. Monitor and supervise the construction of park facilities to ensure compliance with standards and environmental impact considerations;
4. Prepare plans and guidelines for the maintenance of park facilities and ensure that plans are executed;
5. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the Project Managers and the DENR

Qualifications:

1 Licensed Civil Engineering or Architect;
2. At least five (5) years relevant experience;
3. Willing to be stationed in Samar for the duration of the assignment, preferably a resident of Samar
4. Practical experience in the design and construction of infrastructure that conform with DENR's specifications on PA infrastructure
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All application letters and comprehensive resumés should reach our office on or before 01 March, 2003. Please address applications to:

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The successful candidate will have excellent written English with professional level business writing skills. Previous copywriting experience in a business-to-business or agency environment is preferred.

Experience in handling business projects at a supervisory or management level, with demonstrable evidence of project management ability, is a requirement.

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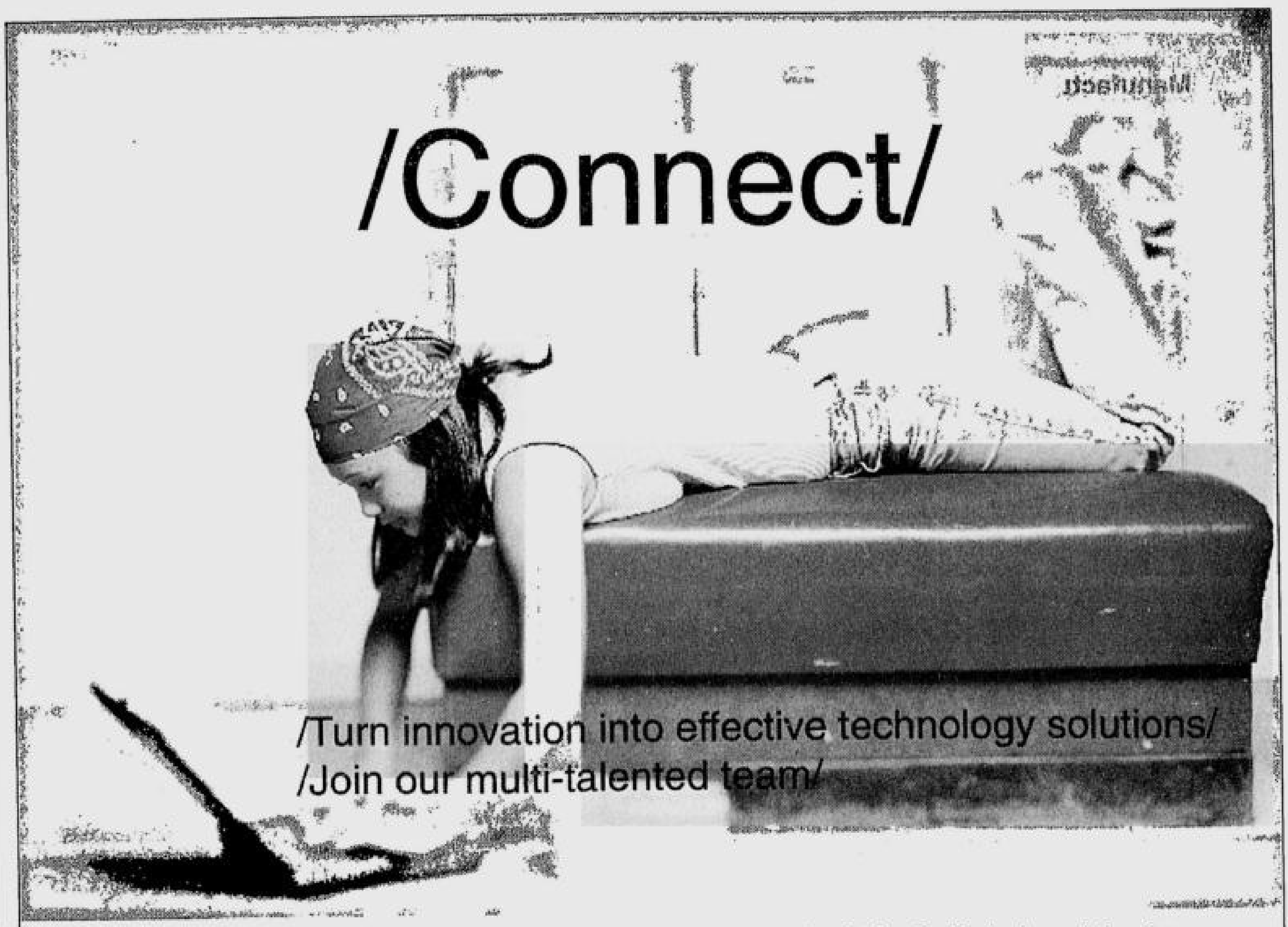
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- Participate in the implementation of field security plans.
- Ensure timely/effective utilization of resources, quality of inputs and effectiveness of outcomes/impacts and compliance with UNDP policies and procedures.
- Perform any other duties relating to the administrative, logistical, financial, information, personnel and business center matters as may be assigned by the Resident Representative and the Deputy Resident Representative.

Job Requirements:

- Master's degree in Business Administration, Public Administration or Economics;
- 5 years minimum experience in personnel administration, budget management, management of travel/transport/shipping premises, and human resources management and development
- Ability to develop procedures, to direct and improve the administration of personnel policies and programmes
- Ability to create and lead a team
- Training and experience in human resource development
- Proficiency in accounts/bookkeeping and in programme finance
- Good command of English, oral and written; strong ability to write clearly and concisely and to be verbally articulate
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The selected candidate will receive a salary depending on his/her background and work experience.

Applicants are requested to complete the UN Personal History Form (P.11), available in our website www.undp.org.ph/jobs/ and send to:

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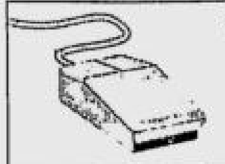

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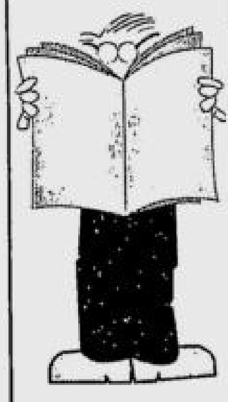

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The importance of presence

By Teresa R. Tunay
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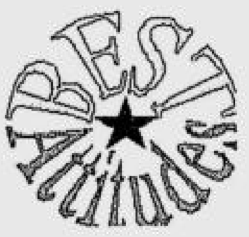
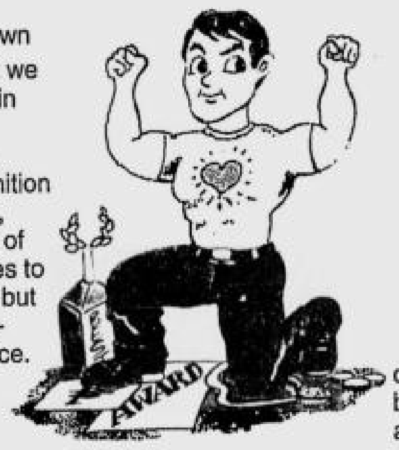


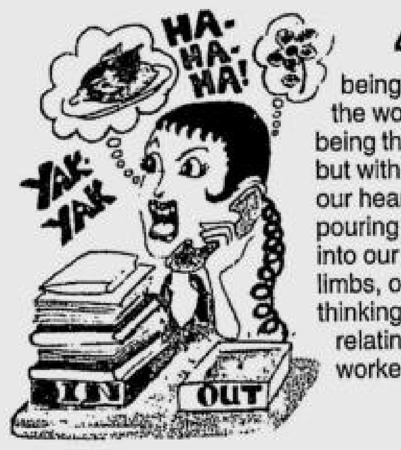
If someone were to ask you what the most important aspect of your work is, what would you answer?

1 "The pay envelope!" many of us would probably say. "It makes me proud of myself." Still there are those among us who would say, "Utilizing my abilities to the full!"

2 We can list down so many things that we consider important in our work: financial security, the fringe benefits, the recognition of society…and yet, there is one aspect of work that contributes to our job satisfaction but which we hardly acknowledge: presence.



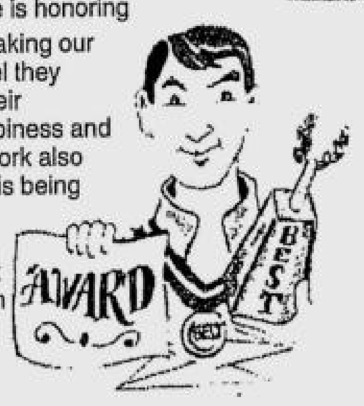
3 "Presence" is not just the opposite of "absence." We may be "present" the whole year according to our time card, yet not really be "present" at work.



4 Presence is being totally there at the workplace. It is not being there physically but with our head and our heart elsewhere. It is pouring our whole being into our work—using our limbs, our senses, and thinking and feeling and relating to all co-workers. Got it?

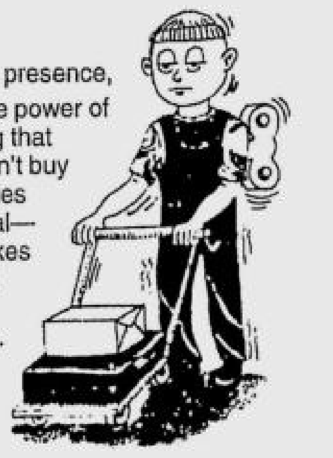
5 The quality of presence we bring with us to work indicates a kind of commitment to our job that says we are there not just to practice our skills, earn to fill our stomachs or work for the ego trip.

6 Presence is honoring people. It is making our co-workers feel they matter, that their progress, happiness and fulfillment at work also concern us. It is being good to everyone, whether or not you need them to get your work done.



7 Presence is the energy that turns the jobsite from a place where quotas are filled or deadlines are met to an environment alive with people relating to people. In a workplace without presence, people are like robots: dull and mechanical.

8 With presence, we feel the power of something that money can't buy and trophies can't equal—and it makes work a lot more enjoyable.



Ask yourself what you have done lately to give your workplace presence. Remember, because in the workplace, people are first before things or achievements. Wouldn't it be nice to hear others say that you are a joy to work with because you've got presence?

WORKING OOPS!

Familiarity breeds a mistake

By Chelsea G.

THERE were a lot of ringing phones that needed attention. I picked up one and after the usual greeting and identification of our company, I asked who the caller was. The other party said, "This is Phillip." I've been thinking of my friend Phillip and thought what a coincidence for him to call. So I bubbly burst, "*Walanghiya ka, ang tagal mo nang di tumatawag, ah. Nakaalala ka yata. Kamusta na?*" He replied, "Okay *lang*. By the way, I'll come in a little late today as I'll pass by Samurai Foods to drop the quote they requested."

Then, it dawned on me that the Phillip on the other line is our general manager and not Phillip my friend. I apologized profusely. I was lucky he was in good mood that day since he just dismissed my blooper with a laugh. Otherwise, I'd be out in the streets now looking for a job.

Wrong pregnancy

By Chelsea G.

I WAS a newcomer in the company and assigned to the office supplies section. I had an officemate, who to me looked like she was six months pregnant, who was in charge of requesting for their department's monthly supplies from me. Three months later, I was expecting that she will be going on maternity leave but she did not. I thought, maybe, she still had another month to go. But a month passed, then another, and still another but still, she hadn't given birth. I couldn't keep my curiosity any longer and so, the next time I saw her, I asked, "*Faye, kailan ka due?*" She replied, "What do you mean due?" I explained, "*Ang ibig kong sabihin, kailan ka manganganak?*" She then glared at me and said, "*At sinong may sabing buntis ako?*" and left with a huff. Apparently, after many pregnancies, the "pregnant look" didn't leave since her tummy's bulge remained.

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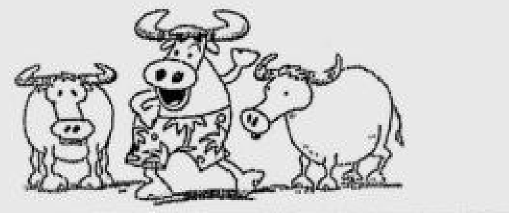

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Giving good service is the smart thing to do, says HR exec

By Rochelle Leonor

HR Focus

IT'S all about service. This is what Annette V. Santiago says when asked what makes Smart Communications, Inc. successful.

As head of the human resources management and development group of Smart, she says that she does things with service in mind. This is why she always works in partnership with its people, line managers and the managers. "I'm collaborative because I know it will be for the benefit of the company and our clients," she explains.

Vision

Smart Communications, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary the Philippine Long Distance Company and was incorporated in 1991. It started with only 100 employees and has now 5,000.

Its vision was to redefine service in the cellular business. Santiago says it wasn't an easy thing to do. Some cellular companies already had a head start while the company was a virtual nobody.

But this did not deter the company from pursuing its purpose. "Back then, we wanted to erase the misconception that cell phones are for the rich only," she explains. "We just wanted to serve people by connecting them."

This vision, Santiago says, is what enticed her to join Smart in 1991. Since she grew up in the province, she knows how hard it was to get connected with her parents. "I had to go to the nearest RCPI just to call up my parents," she shares.

Sending money for her needs was also difficult. She says that she didn't join Smart so she can easily climb the corporate ladder. "It may sound like a cliché but I joined because of its vision."

> *'Complacency in Smart is a no-no. Everything we do is connected with an excellent performance'*

Partnership

So she brought in people who share the same perspective. Santiago explains that although technical positions were filled with people who have the technical know-how, the rest of the team was people from consumer- and service-oriented industries. "We wanted to define the business so we needed people who understand what service is all about," she says.

Partnership is another virtue that made Smart flourish. Santiago makes sure that everything she does as group head is in partnership with everyone in the company. "It's partnership with them, in terms of agreeing on strategic direction, on how we want to develop the company, how we define the structure," she elaborates.

This is the reason why Smart chose to have a flat structure. Santiago explains that the company did not want a tall hierarchy because it would slow things down. The company needed to be fast, agile and quick. Decisions should be made fast. "For us to be able to do those things, we need to be flat," she says. Up to now, Smart is able to keep things at five layers.

No titles

Santiago says that the organization also does away with fancy titles. Titles, she explains, would constrict the employees. "In a given project, the person that carries the fancier title tends to lead the project. In a titleless environment, whoever is the expert would be in charge of the project, regardless of what level he is in the organization." This arrangement allows more room for Smart people. They are not boxed in and can easily work with each other.

Meetings are also not limited to managers alone. Since the culture in Smart is collaborative, their working committees are composed of many other people from different levels.

Santiago adds that employees don't have job descriptions. Rather, they have roles. The absence of job descriptions, she explains, allows flexibility if and when the organization shifts gears. It's easier for them to move and mobilize. "I'm not saying that it's easy to change but it allows the change process to be less painful," she counters.

Performance

Presently, the biggest challenge is to sustain Smart's standing in the market. After all, when a company is successful, two things can happen—the employees sit on their laurels or they become arrogant.

Santiago says that she is watchful. Complacency in a high-performing company is a no-no. She says that everything they do is connected with an excellent performance. "Compensation, recognition, and even hiring, is based on that," Santiago says. "When the company reaches our target, that's the only time we receive certain incentives. Our targets are really stretched."

As a boss, Santiago says that she is exacting. She believes that their people should always get the best service from her group. Since her group was brought in to serve their people, it is just but right to do that.

Sloppy work, she says, has no place in her group. "If you don't perform, you are managed out. In the same manner, when you perform well, you are managed up," she puts it succinctly. Complaints about the poor service of her people are also given importance.

SANTIAGO
PHOTO BY ROMY HOMILLADA

Pride in work

Santiago says that she is proud of her work. Since Smart achieved its vision and redefined service in the telecommunications industry, she considers her job as a great accomplishment.

She adds that the company is also a good playground for her. As one of the pioneers, she was able to build, create and innovate with full support and cooperation both from management and the people.

Santiago has always been in HR. Previous work with John Clements and Kraft developed her HR skills. A graduate of Psychology from the University of the Philippines, she initially wanted to pursue a medical degree. But when she joined John Clements, the love for HR work grew in her.

Her husband and two children remain her top priority though. While she has every opportunity to move further up, Santiago says she is happy where she is now. Although being a group head is formally her title, she considers her role as her ministry and service to God rather than just a job. And that has proven to be a smart move.

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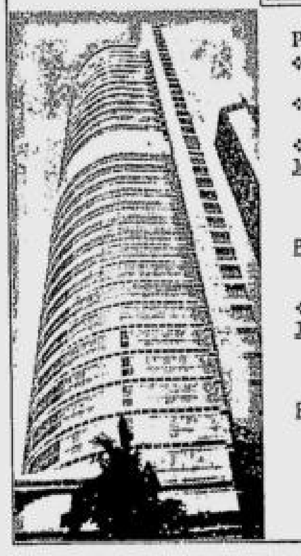

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How to control your anger at work

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I've always had problems keeping my temper. Last week, I blew up at something a co-worker said and pushed him. I was suspended for a week without pay. My boss tells me I have a problem but I don't know what to do.

It's Hit the Fan

Your letter reminded me of a plate glass window that once leaped in front of my hand. Of course, it was the guy in front of it I was aiming for. He'd pushed my buttons once too often and I vowed he'd pay for it—until that window came to his aid. Twenty stitches later, I decided that was the last time I'd try to solve a problem with my fist.

Manage anger

I got some slack that time because I was only 13. But as you can see from your suspension, adults today get a lot less sympathy for their outbursts. Consider this episode a warning shot across your bow—and look for ways to curtail that fighting instinct in the future. An anger management program is a good place to start. So is Hendrie Weisinger's book "Anger at Work" (Morrow, 1995). These questions are adapted from it:

Do you really believe you have a problem? Your letter suggests you may not but until you do, it can't be fixed. And until your boss and co-workers see you acknowledge your problem, they won't trust you not to explode again.

Do you know how to recognize the first signs of an outburst? They're probably physical—a tightness in your head, a twisting in your stomach, a clenching of your teeth. You need to create an internal bomb squad that can recognize those signs and quickly defuse your reaction.

Avoid temptations

Can you learn to defuse quickly? It might mean taking some deep breaths, or running up and down the stairs. Find an outlet that will let you burn off your anger before it hits the fan.

Can you identify what provoked you? Anyone who's tried to quit smoking knows that the temptations of a smoky bar are overwhelming. So it is with anger. As much as possible, avoid the people and situations that have been a problem for you in the past. This may involve sucking up your pride and asking to be transferred to a different project or work area.

Have you investigated better ways to resolve your conflicts? Perhaps someone in HR is trained to mediate conflicts with colleagues or perhaps you can find a third party who can help. Nonviolent resolutions are out there. Find them.

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You know, in earlier days, bosses often excused their workers' outbursts with a grudging "boys will be boys." But those days are gone. Too many workers have "gone postal" and government statistics now indicate that homicide is a leading cause of workplace death. There is zero tolerance for violence in today's workplace. And that raises a final question for you to consider: In the heat of your anger, can you choose to "cool it" in the interest of keeping your job? Testosterone or a paycheck—you make the call.

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Life without passion leads to career burnout

By Regina Galang Reyes

A READER who calls himself "Burned-out One" has this to say about passion: "I read your article 'Passion expands your personal universe' last Sunday and I thought I just had to get a copy of 'Circles of Passion.' I myself am part of the unemployed at the moment. I quit my job (for almost four years) because I felt burned out. I guess it had to do with not being passionate enough about what I do. I'm presently looking for a job that answers to my passion so as to avoid my most recent on-the-job experience but I think the problem is me. I'm into many diverse interests but mostly writing and painting. The problem is I get bored easily whenever I'm into a task for the longest time. In short, how does one sustain one's passion? And what does one do so as not to get bored easily with it? Could you write something about it? Thanks in advance."

In the 'Circles of Passion' slide, I illustrated the merging of three circles: one circle represents what excites you; the second, what you can be best at and the third, what can make the greatest impact of your life.

The area where the three circle merge is the "fire within" or your passion in life. Paradoxically, once you discover that "fire," you will never experience career burnout.

Missing circles

This means that in your case, you have not yet discovered your passion in life because one or two of the three circles are missing. But you are two steps ahead in your search for your passion.

Having already experienced the pain of career burnout, you now recognize that you must search for passion for your life to have meaning. You know that you are interested in writing and painting and you probably are or can be best in these areas.

What you still need to look at are those areas that make you feel alive and have the greatest impact on your life. Your boredom reveals that you are not doing activities that excite you.

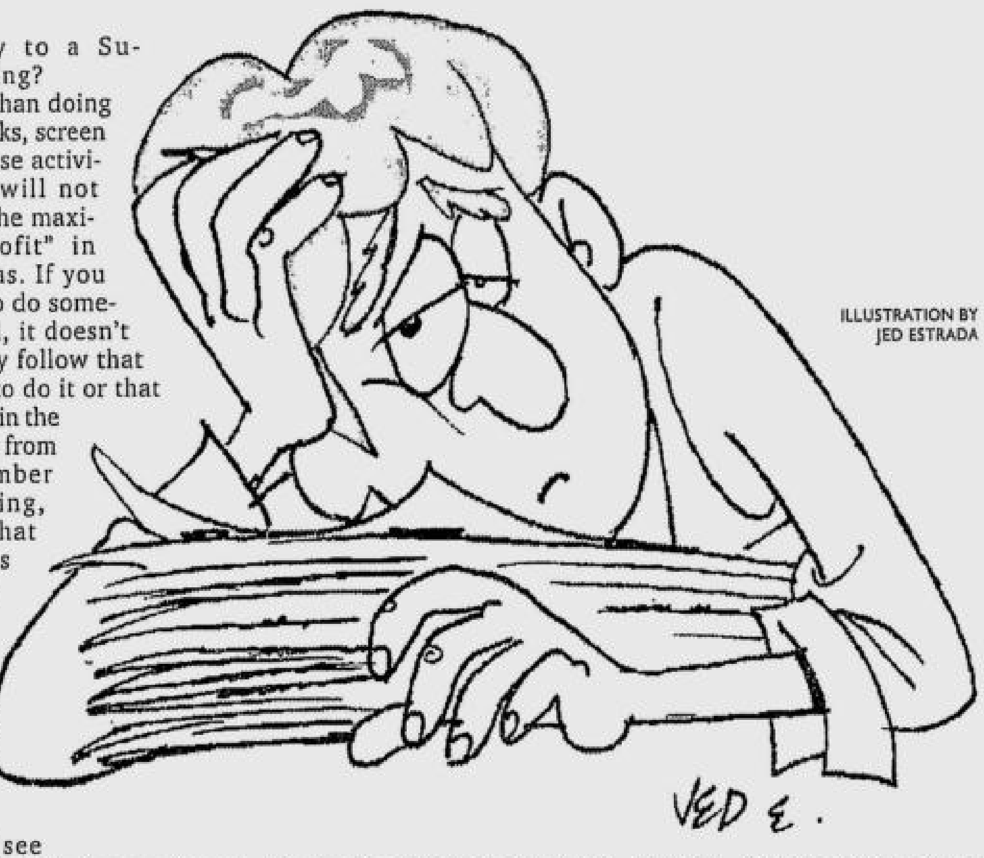
The fact is, if you need to motivate yourself to sustain interest in what you do, it just means that you are not living your passion. Passion is self-motivating and self-sustaining. Boredom and passion cannot co-exist. Boredom is a symptom of a passionless life.

Why not experiment and do a variety of activities? See which ones keep you ticking until the wee hours of the morning.

Profitability measure

Then, when you find out, coldly assess by the light of day, which of those activities that you are enthusiastic about can make the greatest impact on your life. Use the "profitability" measure in terms of body, mind and spirit. Will a particular activity bring the prosperity you want? Will it strengthen or support your physical well-being? Will it enrich your mind, help you reach self-actualization? Will it bring food for your soul in terms of helping your family, community, society, and mankind or giving glory to a Supreme Being?

Rather than doing diverse tasks, screen out all those activities that will not give you the maximum "profit" in these areas. If you are able to do something well, it doesn't necessarily follow that you have to do it or that you can gain the best profit from it. Remember the saying, "Not all that glitters is gold." By focusing on the area where the three circles merge, you will see the real "gold in the pan," your passion in life.



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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

The Pinoy boss

By Teresa R. Tunay

FILIPINAS Mylene and Roselle are both living alone and working in New York. Mylene's mother dies (in the Philippines), and she must move heaven and hell to get a vacation leave to bury her mother. Roselle's father falls into coma in a hospital in Bicol and she gets to leave for home the day after she receives the news. Guess whose boss is Filipino?

The Pinoy boss is the compassionate one. When it comes to "personal matters" he is not like employers from other places in the world—and that's no exaggeration.

He listens to his employees' woes beyond the call of duty; he gets involved. You're short of cash and need medicines for your hospitalized child? Run to him. It's the *wifey's* birthday and you want to treat the family to a zoo visit on Sunday? He'll lend you the company car. The uncle of your brother-in-law's mother's distant cousin dies and you're asked to run errands for the family? Your Pinoy boss wouldn't mind if you just come and go until the dead is buried.

The Pinoy boss has a heart—*"pusong mamon"* in fact, a heart so soft that tears can melt it—just like sponge cake. In that sense, the Pinoy boss carries something of Jesus in him—the side of the Christ that's moved with pity in the face of dire need.

When we are blessed with a tenderhearted boss, let's not take advantage. He is the one who can humanize our workplace. Let's cherish him and in gratitude improve our performance.

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Gospel Mk: 1:40-45

A leper came to him begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

A helping hand

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

THERE are times in our work when we get stuck. When we've applied all our skills and still can't move on; when we don't know what to do and we feel like shouting out for help. Like the leper in the gospel, we appeal to the 'Jesus' in our coworkers or superiors for help. Do we find a helping hand?

Sometimes we don't get the needed help from coworkers because they don't want to give away their "trade secrets." Others who are supposed experts would not share their expertise because they think that would make them lose their competitive advantage in the job market. Those who have learned special skills may also be too insecure or selfish to pass these on to others. Neither do we get help from our superiors who think that we have to discover the formula by ourselves and that to teach us how to do our job is not their responsibility. They expect from us perfect performance no matter what. Our feelings of helplessness in our jobs do not move them to pity us.

But fortunately, on occasion, we also find helping hands in some people who have compassion for their coworkers. These are those who have gone through difficulties and have been aided by others; they generously share what they have received. There are also those who believe they have been helped by the Lord so that in gratitude they readily extend a helping hand to needy coworkers. In them we find the care of the Jesus who stretched out his hand to the leper; they are the healing hands in the workplace.

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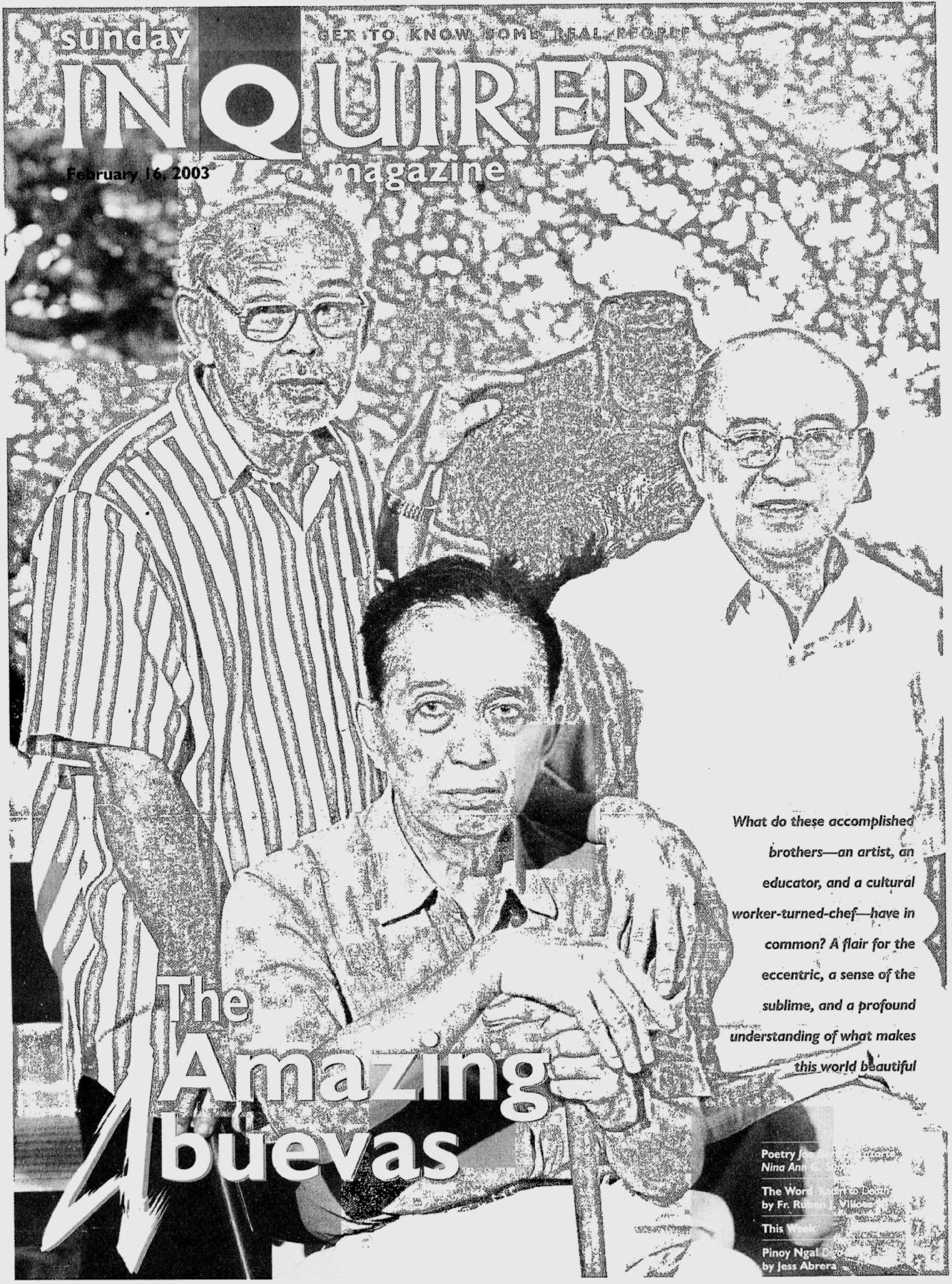

The Amazing Abuevas

What do these accomplished brothers—an artist, an educator, and a cultural worker-turned-chef—have in common? A flair for the eccentric, a sense of the sublime, and a profound understanding of what makes this world beautiful

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EVERY so often my daughter-in-law, Lanelle, says about her daughter's kooky ideas, "This kid's really flip! Off the wall!" Then she laughs and gives me that accusing look.

"Don't look at me!" I say. "Blame the granduncles on your side. Seems pure Abueva to me." Lanelle knows, of course, that I am referring to Billy (Napoleon V. Abueva, the National Artist) and Teddy (Teodoro V. Abueva, New York man-about-the-arts and chef). My *balae*, Pepe (Jose V. Abueva, past University of the Phippines president and founder of a new college), misses it by a hair, being sane, relatively. When Pepe still lived in Tokyo (as an official of its UN University for nine years), he flew to Manila with a heavy backpack full of fancy sushi packed in ice for the gourmand Fernandos. We knew the plane would land at 1 o'clock and deferred lunchtime, but we were famished by the time the gourmet feast arrived, and it disappeared in record time. Pepe sighed in quiet resignation. "You know it takes the Japanese two hours of nibbling and conversation to finish a spread like that?" We love Pepe.

Lanelle is still into her daughter's nutty ideas. So I ask her if it is true that Billy Abueva is building a carriage where the cart is before the horse?

"Not surprising," laughs Lanelle. "He used to own a good-natured horse called Dalagang Bukid. You could make her go forward, backward, sideward. Maybe his carriage would have its own controls, something like that. He probably just wants to make that old saying obsolete."

"I remember Billy built himself a Roman chariot in the '60s," I say. "You know, half-moon in front, and he drove it standing up, like Ben Hur."

"Oh, that one! I heard. He used to bring his daughter to school in that chariot. Then he went to his class, leaving the horse to graze by the lagoon."

"That Roman chariot even landed on the cover of the Sunday Times."

"Yes, his wife *Tita* Cher's colleagues said he must be the poorest of all their husbands. Because he was a *kutsero*."

"So why has he bought himself a grand white Lincoln Continental—a sort of reaction? Such luxury—you know, the Great Gatsby and all."

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The brothers Abueva (left to right) Billy, Teddy and Pepe with a fiberglass torso by Teddy, modeled after his brother Billy's work

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"His family was so against it. 'People will think you're rich,' they complained. 'Someone will kidnap you and we'd have to ransom you back.' But *Tito* Billy's favorite piece is a Lincoln so he got one. *Tita* Cher gets pretty exasperated sometimes. But then she wasn't for 45 years doctor (and director) of the Mental Hospital taking care of *buangs (crazies)* for nothing. I think she's just dying to put *Tito* Billy in a straitjacket."

"At one of Billy's parties," I say, "Rod. Paras-Perez (the art critic) remembers that they ran out of ice. Billy himself drove out to get some. On the way back he saw his studio and decided to peep in.

"I can guess what happened. He found an unfinished sculpture and decided to work on it. And he stayed there until morning. You know it has gotten so that when *Tito* Billy does some weird thing the family goes, 'He did what??!' And it's not funny.

"But people love him anyway. Tell me about that classic when you and Billy fetched Cher from the hospital."

"Well, we saw her standing on the ramp of one of the pavilions. He just waved cheerily at her and drove past. We went home to UP. I was confused because I saw my *Tita* get into a taxi to follow us. It didn't even occur to him that she might be waving and shouting behind."

Pepe at his investiture as UP president in 1986

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Right now I am standing in an extension of Billy's house, a kind of temple. Billy's abode always fascinates me—it is ever a work in progress, a never-ending fairytale. Parts of it deteriorate but some new fantasy sprouts in another part of the house—or another part of the city, or the country! Now 73, Napoleon V. Abueva has been designing since the '50s and is still bursting with ideas. He's made 600 or so sculptures, monuments and chapels and has had a stroke. You'd think he'd slow down but no, Lanelle says he's still climbing the rafters and holding that blowtorch. He works in all mediums—clay, metal, wood, concrete, marble, alabaster.

The Old Testament figures around me are larger than life. There is Abraham with a knife about to sacrifice Isaac but a magnificent God the Father is swooping down, about to intervene. Nearby a ram has its horns artistically entangled in a bush. An equally large St. John the Baptist figure is baptizing Jesus. Mary is peeping between the columns of the temple and discovering Jesus who is discoursing with the doctors of the church. And there is the Temptation of Christ with its handsome devil modeled after a playboy cousin.

A carousel, about 50 feet in diameter with two layers of paintings mounted on it, is slowly rotating by its motor. "You can view the paintings from the first, second and third levels," says Billy. Over the creek there used to be a hanging bridge but it has since collapsed. Little stairs lead up and down the "temple" and you try to remember what the place looked like in its glory when the creek did not stink. High up, in two of the highest towers, green thumb Cher's rare orchids are blooming away in a riot of exotic colors.

Billy made a sculpture of a galleon for an Asean conference in Singapore and later a *balanghai*, the Pinoy version of a galleon. He has an affinity for water. His house is full of reflecting pools, one in the sala with a "rain" fountain over it, another outside the glass wall, on the second level a wading pool and on the third, "just a pool." Later he will make "another pool upstairs for fishing." I remember his floating sculptures—a Baby Moses in a basket of rushes (now in Boston) and *"Tsinelas ni Rizal,"* which used to float on the UP lagoon. (The hero lost one slipper to the river and so he threw in the other so that the finder may have a pair to wear). Not all the floating Billy did, however, was successful. In his hometown, Duero (after which his youngest son is named), he constructed a canal on whose water he attempted to float dishes of food from the kitchen to the dining room. They sank.

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Old Testament figures at Billy's house

Billy's works are in Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, America, Europe, all over the world. Who has not seen the Abueva war memorials in Bataan and Corregidor? Or the bronze Sikatuna of the Blood Compact in Bohol? He has just returned from Cebu where he finished a charming Mediterranean-type chapel in blue and yellow with a perfectly round door that rolls open like the rock of the blessed sepulchre. "Its roof opens up so that the prayers of the people can go direct to heaven," says Billy. In front of Miag-ao church is a 14-foot monument to fishing—a once-naked Diwata ng Dagat pulling a net. (The priests objected, and Billy put a *tapis* on her).

In 1953 Billy had already won an international sculpture contest for "An Unknown Political Prisoner." His sculpture of a pregnant woman in Romblon marble also won First Prize in one Art Association of the Philippines contest. Most of Billy's early works were owned by the rich dowager, Pura V. Kalaw, to whom he ran with a sculpture every time he was broke.

Behind the Vargas Museum in UP, at one time, stood Billy's Chapel of the Mind. Instead of saints it had busts of intellectuals like Rizal, Mao Tse Tung, Einstein, Freud, Cervantes. Somewhere nearby are the latter Bridge-of-Love, a large arch made up of male and female figures, also a monument to the five arts. At the Population Commission building is a Billy sculpture of a chastity belt with a wooden lock in which you can truly strap a fertile female. Also a roulette that guesses how many children you will have. Somewhere in the city is another artistic contraption that can render a nagging and noisy wife immobile; it even has a spot to put a drink.

We have crossed over to Billy's house. Now Billy is rocking back and forth on a four-seater sculptured swing hanging from the rafters that is also the sofa. I sit in front of him on another swing that moves from side to side which is "for girls." On the other end of the room is Billy's artistic bench convertible into a coffee table, which in the end will carry him to the grave because it is also his coffin. Their grandmother too, while still living, had a coffin made for herself by a skilled Cebuano carpenter. When the war broke out, grandma took the coffin along with the family everywhere they evacuated. They looked like a safari with two people in the rear bearing the coffin. And that is the antecedent of Billy's sarcophagus.

Active with the guerrilla movement in Bohol, the Abueva mother and father were savagely bayoneted to death by the Japanese. Billy, 14, and his grandmother had been picked up to make the parents surface. Billy still limps from the torture he underwent because his kneecaps are gone. Sisters Nene, Inday and Ching had the last view of their parents riding the back of a truck, their heads covered with Purico (lard) cans. It was Oct. 23, 1944, three days after the US liberation forces landed in Leyte. Pepe and Billy went out in two teams to look for them. Their skulls and bones were scattered over a hillside in Valencia. Animals had gotten at the flesh, which was almost gone. Pepe found their mother's brown San Antonio habit, bloody and punctured with bayonet holes, and also the broken rosaries they must have been praying on at their death.

The seven orphans had a hard life. First an aunt and uncle in Cebu, then the oldest siblings, Teddy and Neny, raised the brood. Tony, the youngest, was six. Teddy's only hope was for them all to come to Manila and study in UP. When he graduated from UP Manila, President of UP Bienvenido Gonzalez gave Teddy, and later Pepe, a teaching job. This entitled them to a *sawali*-sided cottage, and later a prefab metal quonset one, where they stayed for 19 years. People marveled at seeing a family living together virtually without an adult.

"The war was a terrible trauma to them," says Lanelle. "They had such a happy, carefree childhood and then it ended so abruptly. Their mother had been a wonderful homemaker, she would sew, she would cook, everyday she would bake. Even at their age now, the brothers talk endlessly about their father and mother, their childhood, their mountain house, their beach house. They want to remember, maybe it keeps them sane. They repeat the funny incidents over and over. They laugh over the same stories until they cry." I commented that they had a difficult life but that it was compensated for by the siblings being so abundantly gifted. "Gifted with the memory of a great love," Teddy said.

"That family certainly knows what beauty is," says Lanelle. "They have a great eye for beauty." As early as the '60s Teddy Abueva was already outfitting the interiors of their cottage with *buri* furniture (which he was the first to bring over to Manila from Cebu). He used *saguran* for the walls, burlap and raw silk (beige and coffee colors even then) for covers and drapes. And Billy's molave benches. Teddy put an extension at the back and a roofless bathroom "where you could shower and look up at the sky." There was always a flowering plant in it. Their cottage was so beautiful it was included in the first Art in the Home Tour of the Art Association of the Philippines in the '60s. This was to foreshadow the much-praised room he would design for the International Student Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The siblings are so irrepressibly creative that they even designed their evacuation house during the war, putting in a terrace.

"All those artists," says Lanelle. "Jose Joya, Arturo Luz, Lindy Locsin, Tony Cancio, Nora Villanueva, Boy Daza, Nandy Sison—hung around. *Tito* Teddy was always rearranging the furniture and making all kinds of flower arrangements." Lindy Locsin got his initial project with a little push from Teddy who introduced him to Fr. John Delaney. Lindy had just flunked his first architectural board exam but Delaney didn't care, he just loved Lindy's ideas. The UP students toured a musicale "Aloyan," from Baguio to Davao to raise money for the beloved chapel.

When his siblings were semi-grown, Teodoro Abueva left for New York where he lived for 39 years. He has just recently come home. He worked for a big private collector of African art. The collector did a lot of entertaining and since Teddy was such a good cook he also ended up catering the parties.

"He had a tiny kitchen," relates Lanelle. "One turn and it's already the counter, then another it's the cabinets. But he could whip up food for a lot of people in it."

Jackie Kennedy was one of the art collector's friends. For one of the parties Teddy decided to cook Moroccan pigeon pie for her. (It was the high point of her term as First Lady and she was just back from a visit to Morocco). "The waiters would usually serve everything but when there were interesting guests I would bring out the dessert myself," says Teddy. "Mrs. Kennedy praised my pie and said it was even better than the king of Morocco's pigeon pie. She was very gracious. She asked me if I could teach her son (JFK Jr. was then 11) how to cook. I wish I had followed it up."

The Moroccan pigeon pie got such a reputation that Warner Le Roy (grandson of the Warner Bros. patriarch) and owner of Tavern-on-the-Green called on him. He told Teddy that it tasted better than his own Tavern's Moroccan pigeon pie. But his chef was French and since you never tell a Frenchman what to do, Teddy had to go to Le Roy' house to teach his wife how to make it. Then they took the finished product to the Tavern.

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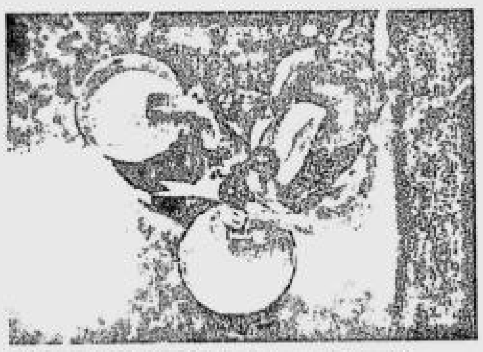
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Passion Play

This is the game that we play:
The theater boundless, carnal
The actors naked, drowning
In hemlock, saccharine
And ichor. While the audience mouth
The telenovela lines we speak.

Yours were the eyes that were old
And mine, the vacant face
As the audience murmur our fate—
Their fingers crossed, their mouth agape
At every evil twist, or foiled plot
That tugs the strings of our being
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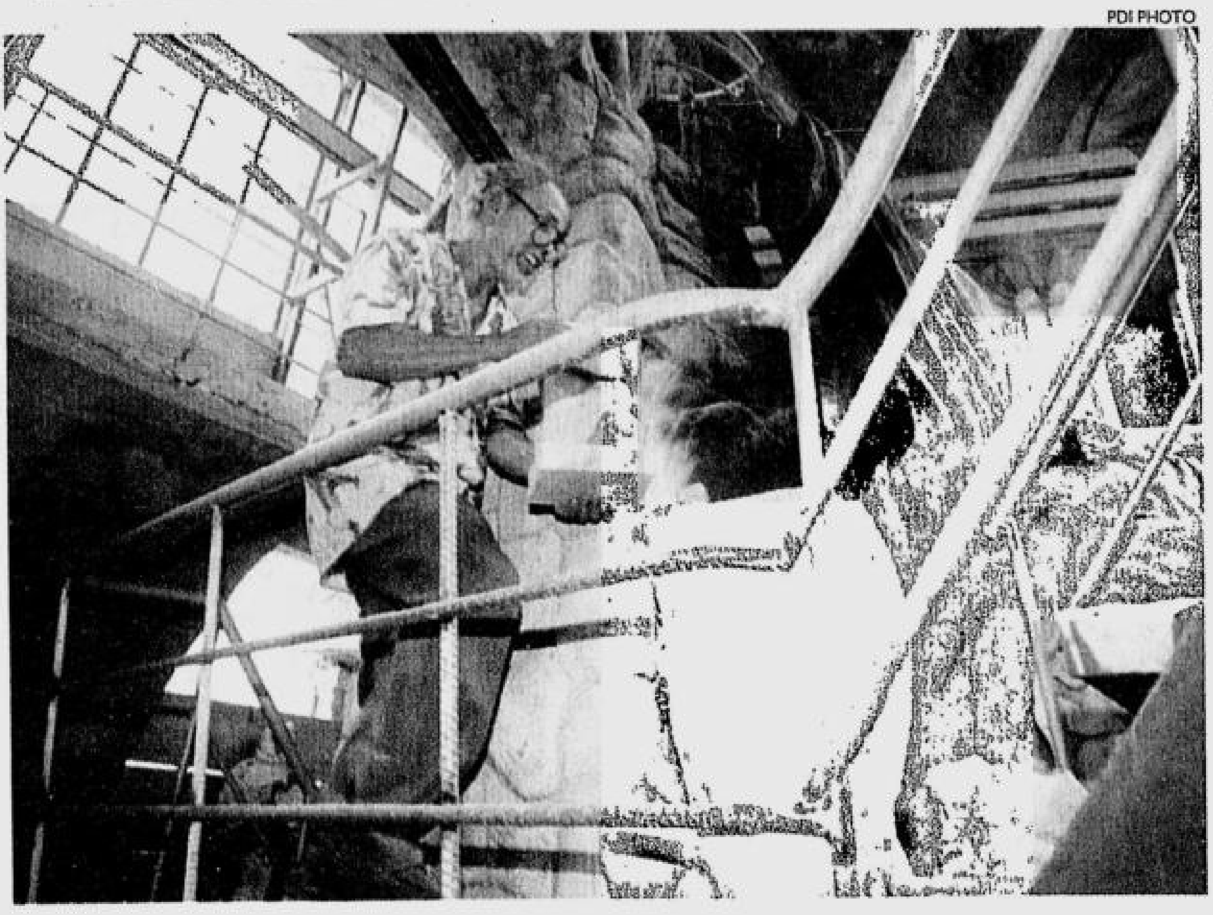

At 73, the National Artist is still climbing rafters and working

Green's food consultant happened to be around and also tasted the pie. "Where did you learn how to cook your Moroccan pigeon pie?" she asked. "From the Time-Life cookbook," Teddy replied. And the consultant said, "Oh, I wrote that volume."

One time his boss-collector co-hosted, with Barbra Streisand and Peter Duchin (the orchestra conductor), a benefit party for congresswoman Bella Abzug. A tough, pudgy women's libber who wore hats, Abzug was running for mayor of New York. Teddy made a life-size papier-maché figure of her including the hat. Then he stuck 250 tiny cream puffs on it. "The irony of eating Bella Abzug as a cream puff was just too delicious to pass up," says Teddy. "Later we were all asked to pose with Barbra Streisand and I wouldn't because that was early on and I didn't have a green card yet. I made the collector promise to keep mum and he kept his word. The reporter of The New York Times wanted to know the name of the chef, and left in a huff."

At another party, the prestigious Zagat Review (of restaurants) distributed a questionnaire to the guests who included Walter Cronkite. It awarded 28 points to Teodoro Abueva for the food and the service, the same as Daniel's (the most popular restaurant in NY at the time) and 29 points for ambience, higher than Daniel's because Teddy's flowers were spectacular.

Flowers were Teddy's second sideline. Once he fixed the flowers for a wedding at the exclusive River Club and the bride requested that they be sent to her home afterwards. When the flowers arrived the guests broke into applause. Jody Bush, aunt of President George Bush, always asked him to do her flowers even if she was one of the leading landscape designers of New York. When Teddy cooked for them, he was one of their guests and spent the weekend in their Cape Cod home.

"The secret of every chef is his staff. I could hire the best assistants from the Culinary Institute of New York," says Teddy. "The young cooks liked to work with me because they said I made interesting dishes. My favorite assistant was the chef of Malcolm Forbes (Forbes Magazine). Once an NBC producer gave a benefit party for Shirley McLaine who wanted a Chinese party for 60 people but ended up with 150. Leonard Bernstein was one of the guests. After dinner the Chinese ambassador came to the kitchen to congratulate me. He told the host he had one of the best Chinese cooks in a private house outside of his own!"

Teddy Abueva catered a party for Ms. Magazine editor Gloria Steinem, as well. The first course was trout in aspic. He had cut off the heads of the trout and stuck in them little dolls he had bought so that the fish looked like mermaids. He then put a Statue of Liberty on a corner of each guest's plate so that every mermaid looked like it was swimming towards a statue.

"*Tito* Teddy was for 15 years in the Philippine council of the Asia Society," says Lanelle. "He mounted major Philippine art exhibits for the embassy in Washington and is a walking almanac of New York. You want a review of any play, any movie, any art exhibit, he knows it. He will tell you who wrote the play, who was in it, what the critics said, also what every gallery carries or ever carried. He went to all the art exhibits and saw two plays almost every weekend."

"Having no money at all in 1962," relates Teddy, "I rented a one-room flat but ended up having one of the largest private gardens in New York. My four neighbors weren't vaguely interested in gardening so they let me take over the backyard. I planted 14 evergreen trees. In winter I had only one room but in summer I had a big beautiful garden."

"He built an upper terrace with a fountain where they have cocktails," says Lanelle, "and a main terrace with tables and a torso he made. There was a trellis of white French roses. Two sides were lined with wisteria trees climbing up six storeys."

"If you have a garden and cook good food," says Teddy, "you can invite almost anyone. Once Peter Gurney was rehearsing a play in Washington. I told him I was a fan of his, and he flew to New York just to have dinner in my garden."

Now Jose V. Abueva. Political activist and middle brother Pepe taught public administration and political science in UP off and on for 35 years. He went to Michigan for a Ph.D. and in the '60s became a visiting scholar at the East-West center in Hawaii.' He was a visiting professor in Brooklyn College and later Yale University.

Secretary of the '71 Constitutional Convention which Marcos hijacked, Pepe virtually exiled himself by becoming Ford Foundation adviser in Kathmandu, then Bangkok. For 10 years thereafter he worked with the United Nations University in Tokyo as its university secretary and then in New York as United Nations University director for North America (in NY). He returned to Tokyo as director of planning and evaluation. Egghead Pepe has written and co-authored several books published here and abroad.

As UNU consultant Pepe helped Ambassador to the US Emmanuel Pelaez in peace talks with Nur Misuari in Mindanao and Conrado Balweg in the Cordilleras. President Cory Aquino later made him chair of the Military Bases Council, which was to prepare the conversion plan for the military bases. With his strong academic background, nationalism and vast exposure to international affairs, Jose V. Abueva became a shoo-in for 16th president of the University of the Philippines.

Now retired UP professor emeritus, Pepe has begun to carry out a late dream—to build a private college with his colleagues. Kalayaan College is now two years old, located in Riverbanks, Marikina and in Abucay, Bataan. It has a high caliber staff of retired and part-time UP professors committed to quality nationalistic professional education.

How straight can a life get? "It had to be," says Pepe. "Someone in the family had to be." Then I remembered Lanelle relating how, when she was a child, the family had gone on a tour of Europe, camping in 21 sites in 30 days. "Family" meant nine-year old Lanelle, a bottle-feeding Rossana in a pram, a toddler, Jobert, on its auxiliary seat, Pepe pushing, and a very pregnant mama Coring trudging behind. They were supposed to be tourists but the locals kept snapping their pictures. As normal as Abuevas can get.

As for our flip and kooky, off-the-wall granddaughter, well, she has just asked to visit her grand-uncle Billy. She heard that he wants to put up a nudist colony in Bohol.

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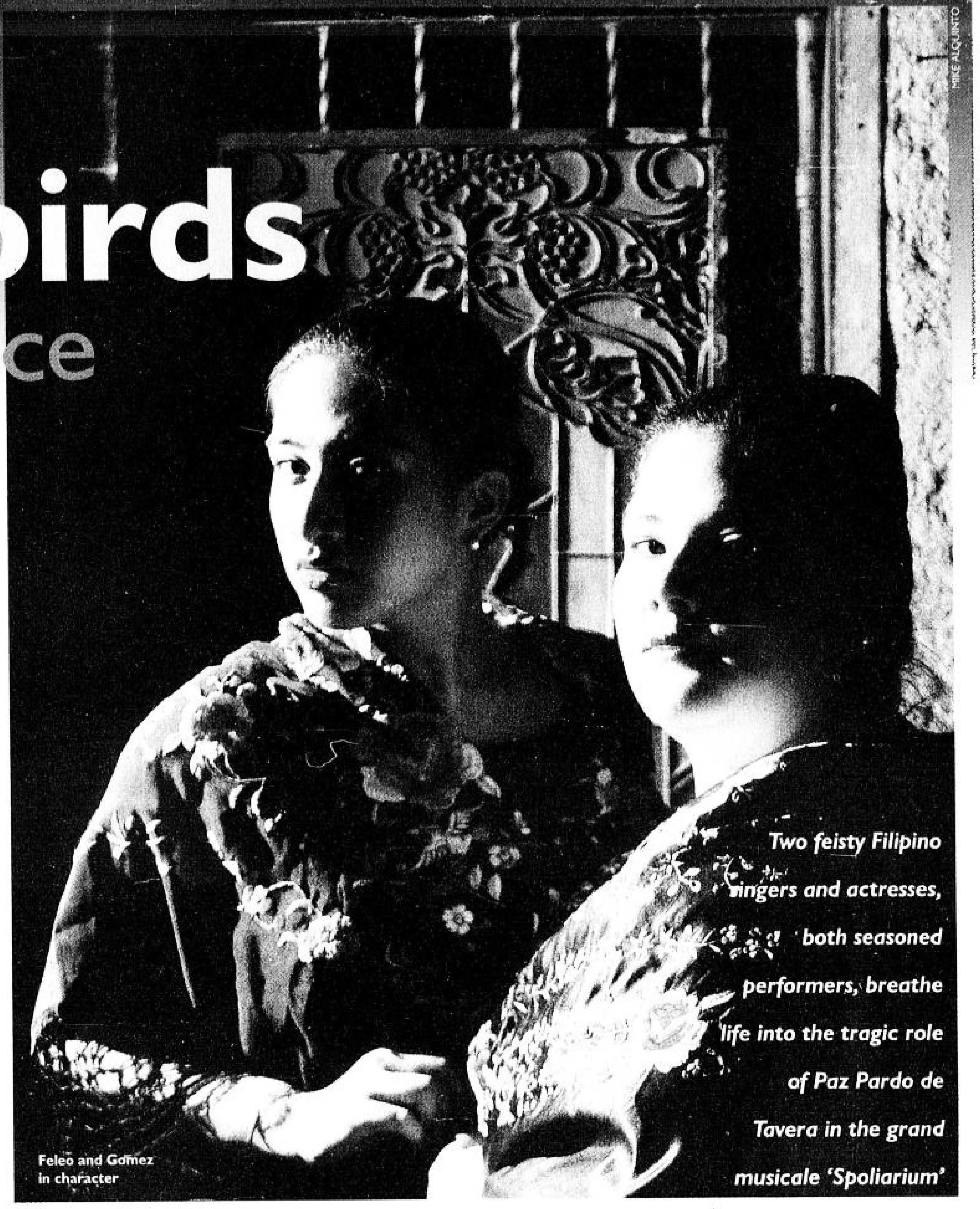
Onstage

By Cora Llamas

Songbirds of Substance



Feleo and Gomez in character

Two feisty Filipino singers and actresses, both seasoned performers, breathe life into the tragic role of Paz Pardo de Tavera in the grand musicale 'Spoliarium'

OUR IMPASSIONED artist actually had just one wife, and after an equally passionate courtship and tempestuous marriage, he killed her in a jealous rage. But two strong women will bring the headstrong, lovely Paz Pardo de Tavera to life in the neo-classic opera "Spoliarium," opening this month with libretto by classical music icon Fides Cuyugan-Asensio and music by bestselling composer Ryan Cayabyab.

Alternating in the role of Paz Pardo de Tavera are New York-based soprano Margarita Gomez and theater artist Ana Feleo, who both admit that the part is one enormous challenge. After all, the musical opus directed by Alex Cortez promises to depict the lives and loves of Juan Luna in a sprawling canvas that is as grand as it is intimate.

Gomez was one of the three winners of the Rosa Ponselle International Vocal Competition in 1994 and was awarded one year of study under Maestro Igor Chichagov as the first Filipina laureate of the Rosa Ponselle Foundation. After "Spoliarium," Margarita plans to fly back to the US. for more auditions and get ready for her upcoming recital in September for the Filipino Artist Series at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

It's not the first time that Ana Feleo has played a strong-willed lady who acted as a counterpoint to an equally strong male partner. Her Josephine Bracken supported the despondent title hero in "Sino Ka Ba, Jose Rizal?" *An emerging musical theater actress, she recently appeared opposite real-life parents Johnny Delgado and Laurice Guillen in a* "Maalaala Mo Kaya?" *episode about a family weathering the onset of the mother's menopause.*

What kind of woman brought out the best and the worst in one of the Philippines' premiere artists? **SIM** *posed these questions to the two performers.*

SIM: How do you see Paz Pardo de Tavera? What do you find interesting in her as a character?

MARGARITA: She was a woman trapped in a relationship with a man she did not quite understand. I think she didn't realize what she had to give up to witness his brilliance and passion until it was too late.

ANA: She was 24 when they got engaged. She was full of life, optimistic, idealistic—but quite shallow. She needed attention, love and a father-figure.

SIM: Was she a strong character or a weak one? Would you have done what she did, stayed with him despite the violence and the wife-beating?

MARGARITA: She was strong enough to fight back in a way and given time, would have removed herself from that situation. If I were in her place, I would have left sooner.

ANA: Paz was stubborn. Her mother (played by Fides Cuyugan-Asensio) told her that he had a terrible temper, he was an *indio*—and that she was beautiful and aristocratic. And they were in Paris! But there was this *indio*, 4'11", not very good-looking—and Paz was 5'5".

SIM: How are you and Paz similar? How are you different?

MARGARITA: I have also been blinded by brilliance. Thankfully, it was only temporary.

ANA: I'm a very passionate person, and I give 100 percent. I'm also the type who has to discover things by myself. Even if my family and friends warn me, I still do it. When I fall in love—that's my danger zone. How are Paz and I different? I see her as too young to be a mother. She loves her kids, but she's a wife, not a mother. I love taking care of kids, teaching them at ABS-CBN Talent Center.

SIM: What scenes in "Spoliarium" particularly stand out?

MARGARITA: For purely selfish reasons, the music leading to her death. It's always great fun and extremely challenging to die onstage.

ANA: In one scene, Paz was singing a lullaby to her baby. Luna comes in angry and demands why the baby is crying. Then all this fighting and *bugbugan* happen. But after everything, all that Paz felt for Luna was pity. Just watching Robert Seña (who plays Luna) rehearse, I've learned a lot about professionalism, energy, putting in the emotion, stamina. It's not hard to act with Robert. He's such a giving actor.

SIM: Let's talk about your passions. Which do you prefer, singing or acting? And why?

MARGARITA: I cannot separate the two disciplines. I am primarily trained as an opera singer and acting is one part of my operatic training. Both aspects are equally important in order to have a credible performance.

ANA: Both. I love to act and perform. At the same time, I love to sing.

SIM: When did you first find out you wanted to sing?

MARGARITA: We are all great actors when we are children, it's inherent in juvenile behavior. It was a gradual process for me. I was lucky to have the guidance of great acting coaches and directors. I didn't take singing seriously as a child. While taking singing lessons again in high school, I ended up with Nolyn Cabahug, who was teaching at Ryan Cayabyab's studio then. Nolyn introduced me to *Tita* Fides Asensio and she became my first serious classical singing teacher. That was when I decided that I wanted to sing.

ANA: Ever since I was three years old when I listen to music, I'd imagine myself singing on stage and performing. I'd act by myself. At one time, stage director *Tito* Nestor (Torre) was rehearsing in our house. I wasn't part of the original cast for "Magnificat." I was just there photocopying. But I loved the music and I sang along. I thought, "I can carry a tune! Hmmm..."

When I was young, had I really wanted to be an actress, I could just have told my dad. But *nauna ang* theater. It gave me my big break and I fell in love with it.

SIM: Who have been your greatest influences?

MARGARITA: Musically, Maria Callas has always been my operatic ideal. I learned the most about singing from Mikael Eliasen, Marlena Malas and *Tita* Fides. The late Rey T. Paguio believed in my abilities as a singer and gave me many chances to learn through performance.

Theatrically, the first production of Floy Quintos' "And St. Louis Loves Dem Filipinos..." made a huge impact on me. It was the first time I had ever been in a straight play, surrounded by theater greats such as Tony Mabesa, Rolando Tinio, Floy, Mario O'Hara, etc. Thankfully, I absorbed as much as I could from them without trying to. And even if I didn't know that much about being in a play, they were very patient, especially Sir Tony.

ANA: *Tito* Nestor is always there. He's my mentor. He's one teacher who's happy when you're successful. It's a lot of work when he directs you, but that's his training. He watches and critiques me; I value it.

My parents don't teach me how to act but they can be my worst critics. My parents have done theater before—my mom in Ateneo, Repertory Philippines, and Peta, and my dad in Bulwagang Gantimpala and Tanghalang Pilipino and Peta. They know what they're talking about.

SIM: What role would you want to sink your teeth into one day?

MARGARITA: I would love to sing Norma someday. Violetta, Aïda and Madame Butterfly are also on my wish list. And even if it would never happen, Judas from "Jesus Christ Superstar."

ANA: Carmen. She's very passionate. But I still need to grow up because there's a certain maturity in that role. On Broadway, I'd like to do Eponine.

SIM: Would you want to play a Maria Clara type of character?

ANA: *Mahinhin iyan!* I don't know if I can exude that. Challenge *iyon*!

"Spoliarium" *will go onstage at the CCP Tanghalang Abelardo on Feb 21-23. Call 421-1898 and 439-5297.*

The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

'Kadiri to Death!'

The Poor People of the Land, in spite of their littleness and nothingness, never felt rejected by Jesus, who gently led them to repentance, and then healed and forgave them

"*KADIRI* to death" is Taglish slang which refers to something or someone so disgusting, you feel like throwing up.

"*Kadiri*," for example, is a dead rat under your pillow, or a pair of flies in your sandwich, or bloodstains on your underwear. In the New Testament, there is no *kadiri* regarded with more pity and disgust than leprosy. Leprosy is a skin disease which gradually eats up the nerves, joints, eyes, nose, mouth, fingers and feet of the patient until the whole body becomes a foul-smelling mass of ulcerated growths, and the leper just wastes away looking like a ghoul.

In the Bible, lepers where considered unclean. They must dwell alone outside the camp wearing a black garment and bear the anguish of being completely banished from human society which, according to Jewish law, must shriek, "*kadiri*!" to drive them away.

In the gospel for the sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mk. 1:40-45), Jesus of Nazareth did not shriek "*kadiri*" to drive the leper away. He stretched out his hand instead, and touched the man who was unclean, and "he was made clean" (v. 42).

During the time of Jesus, there was a sector in Jewish society called People of the Land. There was also a religious law against associating with People of the Land who, according to the Temple clergy, were "sinners," "good for nothing," "unclean," "unsaved" and "damned." Among them were the lepers.

But Jesus was often seen eating, drinking, and fraternizing with the People of the Land. Publicans, tax collectors, gentiles, widows, prostitutes, handicapped, beggars and lepers, who were considered by law as ritually unclean, were precisely the company that Jesus loved to keep. Instead of telling the lepers, sinners and the good-for-nothing what was worst in them, Jesus saw that "gift of belovedness" on the faces of the People of the Land. So the Poor People of the Land, in spite of their littleness and nothingness, never felt rejected by Jesus, who gently led them to repentance, and then healed and forgave them, and once forgiven they were made clean again.

Indeed, love is not having to say "*kadiri*" to anyone anymore. Even if the whole world calls you "*kadiri*" just because you are *mabaho, tanga, tamad*; or just because you do not think, speak, live or pray the way others do, still Jesus would welcome you to his little crowd of outcasts like the lepers, excommunicados, homosexuals, de-cloistered nuns, delinquent priests, divorcees and ex-convicts—all "strangers," "homeless" and "*kadiri*" to many of us in a sanitized and polite society.

The person who is "feeling outcast" feels that he is misunderstood, unheard, unrecognized, given no value, set aside, judged and maltreated. He is treated like a stranger. Why? Maybe because his religion is different, his accent is different, he is handicapped, an ex-con, adopted, illegitimate, gay. He is labeled "weird." That's how they treated the prophets like John the Baptist, Joan of Arc, Mahatma Gandhi and others.

As long as there are people we consider strangers, "*kadiri*," excluded, and should not be listened to or befriended, we will never earn "the new heaven and earth that God promised us." (2 P 3:13)

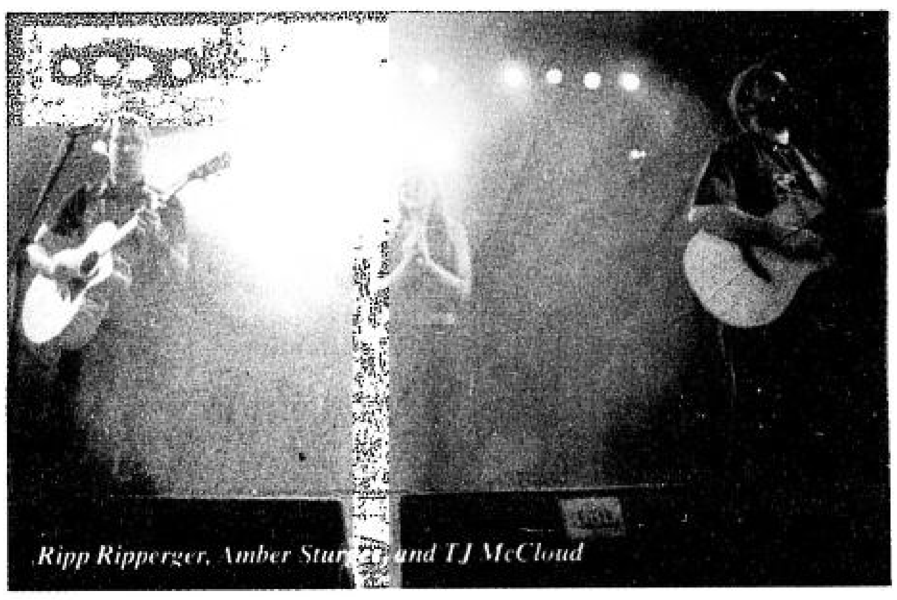
But whenever there are two or three who accept and value each other, there the Lord is amidst them. (Mat. 18:20)

Stephen Speaks

Loud and Clear

Stephen Speaks acknowledges the crowd at the Rockwell Tent.

Dain Samuelson, Ripp Ripperger, and TJ McCloud



Ripp Ripperger, Amber Sturges, and TJ McCloud

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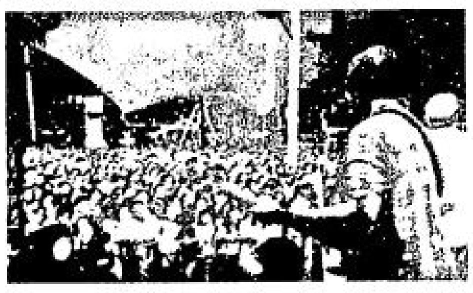

"I thought my friend was joking," said Rockwell Ryan "Ripp" Ripperger when asked of his band's phenomenal success in the Philippines. Ripp's band, Stephen Speaks, is after all a relative newcomer to the music industry. "Besides," adds the amiable vocalist/guitarist, "we're just this band from the Midwest. I thought my friend was playing a trick on me." Sure enough, the band learned that it was no joke, and that their single, "Passenger Seat", was number 1 for six consecutive weeks in the Philippines.

SMART Communications proudly welcomed "this band from the Midwest" to Philippine shores with "Stephen Speaks Live in Manila". As the opening salvo for SMART's Amazing Rhythms: The Concert Series, Stephen Speaks brought their unique blend of pop/rock beats to the local music scene for four consecutive days. On February 5, the band performed at the NBC Tent. February 6 saw Stephen Speaks at the Rockwell Tent, February 7 at the Ateneo College Covered Courts, and February 8 back at the Rockwell Tent.

Stephen Speaks can trace their beginnings to the town of Jenks in Oklahoma. Ripp and Stephen Speaks lead vocalist and guitarist TJ McCloud formed the core of the group. Later additions were vocalist Amber Sturges, percussionist and girl-magnet Dain Samuelson (Ripp's own little brother), and drummers Blake Farmer and Blake Howard. Coming from a small town, one might think that this sudden fame has gotten into the group's heads. Not so says TJ. The voice behind "Passenger Seat" says that it's those same small town roots that have kept them grounded. "We haven't changed as people," adds TJ, "but we've adapted to this attention." They look at each other more like a family, rather than a band and "as a family, we watch out for each other," TJ states.

How have their friends and individual families reacted to all the success? Ripp's parents were "flabbergasted by what's been going on. But they always say 'We're there for you, no matter what.'" Amber's parents weren't the happiest that she chose the musical path, but they trust and support her. Thus, the band draws on the strength of their friendships and their family lives to continue on this musical path they have chosen.

Quite surprisingly, this relatively young sextet calls upon so many artists as musical influences. From the folk music of Paul Simon and James Taylor to the alternative sounds of Counting Crows, right up to the metal/hip-hop beats of Linkin Park, the six friends draw something from all of these to create their own sound.

Lucky SMART subscribers got to both meet and greet Stephen Speaks after SIM Swapping from January 30, 2003 to (Friday) February 7, 2003. 25 lucky winners were chosen out of these rabid SIM Swappers to be included in the raffle for the Meet and Greet Session with Stephen Speaks. Each band member gamely chatted it up with the winners, talking about everything from their favorite song, to what food they enjoy munching on, and what they thought about the Philippines. No doubt, the subscribers were more than happy that they SIM swapped to SMART after that!

Sure enough, all four playing dates were rousing successes, each day being wilder and rowdier than the previous one. You wouldn't think that this was the band's first trip to what they term "the other side of the world." Opening acts Pido with Take One, and lovely songstress Nina warmed the crowd up with their take on popular radio hits. When it was finally time for Stephen Speaks to hit the stage, the appreciative crowd gamely sang along to the tunes off the band's album "No More Doubt", including recent hits "Out of My League" and "Doubting Thomas". As the familiar harmony to "Passenger Seat" started strumming, the screaming and singing hit a veritable crescendo. How perfect was it to have the band singing these popular ballads in the Love Month of February?

Only SMART can bring international recording artists like Stephen Speaks to the Philippines. SMART is the undisputed market leader in wireless communications, with superior coverage and services, strengthened with over 8 million subscribers on the SMART Network. As SMART welcomed Stephen Speaks to the country, make sure to stay connected to SMART as this is only the beginning of a concert series like no other: SMART's Amazing Rhythms.

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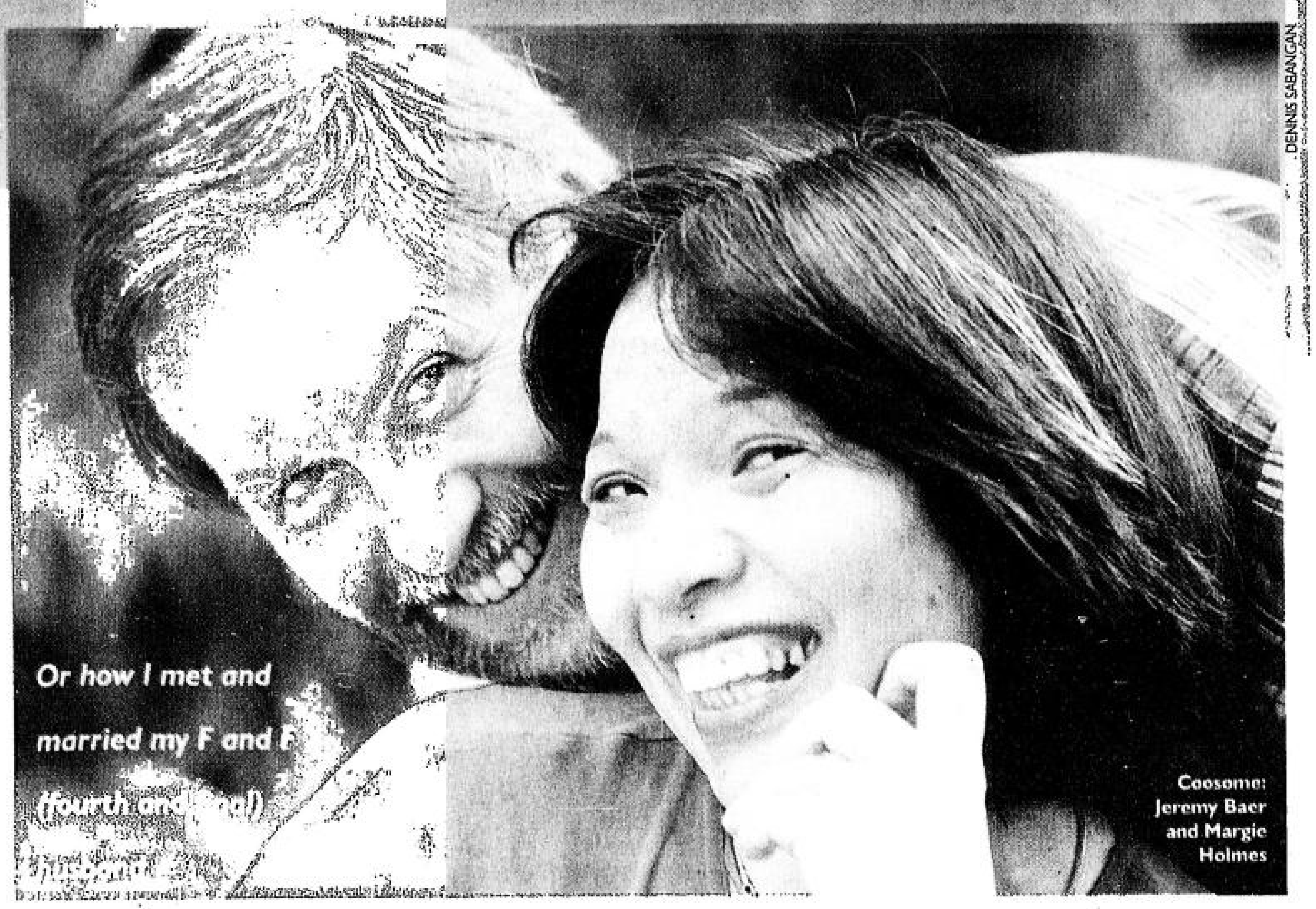
First Person

By Dr. Margie Holmes

Sex Finds Love



Or how I met and married my F and F (fourth and final)

Coosome: Jeremy Baer and Margie Holmes

IT WAS lust at first sight. At this election brealdfast at the Hyatt sponsored by The British Embassy in May 1979, the day Margaret Thatcher became prime minister of the UK, I met Jeremy.

We spoke books. He not only read, he actually liked Saint Exupery, Cervantes and Graham Greene. I've never met a man so quick-witted, well-spoken and well-read without being pompous about it. Unlike other white males in Manila (at least in the late '70s) for whom having a decorative woman was enough, Jeremy relished not only my figure (ahh, those were the days!), but also the challenge of speaking to a woman whose intelligence and command of English equaled, if not occasionally surpassed, his. I knew immediately that this was a man I didn't have to pull any punches for.

But we were both married at that time (though I was getting a divorce), so after three weeks of seeing each other, we decided to cool it. Our affair ended, but not our friendship, which carried on all these years mainly by telephone, from places as disparate as Amsterdam, Havana, New York, Capetown, Malta, Zurich, Manila and London

By the time we got back together, I'd had three husbands and several lovers. Now people might think that being a sex therapist, I do field research by playing around. Not necessarily.

I think my sex life, prior to this marriage, was primarily a function of three things: First, an openness to adventure, an enthusiastic embrace of all life had to offer, and okay, a natural horniness.

Second, my basic philosophy about life and relationships. Even before I had my first lover, I knew I wouldn't marry the first man I slept with. I never fell for that "virginity is the best gift you can give your husband" spiel. Goodness, if virginity is, indeed, the absolute best thing I can give my husband, what happens after that? Does everything go downhill from there? This is not because I was (nor am) casual about sex. Precisely because I realize its power and majesty, I never wanted to mistake consummated lust for true love.

Finally (and I hope this doesn't sound like an excuse because I don't mean it to be), it is a function of my bipolarity. During one's hypomania, a person becomes even more exuberant, open, adventurous and yes, even reckless, than at other times. But this is grist for another article.

I guess one could say, therefore, that there was a happy marriage between my character and the profession I have chosen.

Just as wonderful is my daughter's reaction to this, my latest marriage. In fact, she gave Jeremy the second scarf she ever knitted, which is longer and wider than mine. She is also handling all the preparations for our wedding celebration in Philadelphia this September. On her wedding card, she addresses us as "The latest (and best!) edition."

Now THAT bolsters my feeling that he is my F and F (fourth and final). Plus, of course, he's different from all the others. I am naturally loquacious, yet he has convinced me that less could actually be more. I guard my writing fiercely, but I let him edit my work without looking over it afterwards.

Currently global head of Ship Finance for Lloyds TSB (Bank) in London, he plans to retire here by choice rather than force of circumstance. He is not an "Ugly American" type who lives here because his ego can use the attention of 18-year-olds. Neither is he arrogant, mistaking our reticence for acquiescence.

Then there is the sex. I love the way he looks, smells, feels. He is also the only 57-year-old I know who gets turned on by the sound of my voice (not that I've done extensive surveys on the matter). I love the way he takes me for what I am. As I gingerly started to accept that the "friendship" I had imposed so ruthlessly (or so he claims) in 1979 was actually a love that would defy distance, time, convention and parental objection, he announced: "I will be your F and F (your fourth and final husband)."

Other men might have married me despite my track record. But Jeremy didn't merely accept me for who I was, he embraced all I stood for. Not once did he ask me to pull my punches, tone down my dancing or temper my temper.

So, here I am, fat and 52, bipolar and menopausal, tenaciously independent and occasionally grouchy, with a man who thinks he's the luckiest guy in the world because he's married to me. If that's not drop-dead sexy, I don't know what is!

(Dr. Holmes is an adjunct professor of psychology at the UP Graduate School, the author of 14 books and a regular columnist in publications here and abroad. She divides her time between Manila and London.)

Survivors' Tales

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

A Leper's Story

Life changed overnight for Rosalia Nieves when she was found to have leprosy in those days when it was still considered a Biblical scourge. How she survived the war, the stigma and her exile to Culion is a story she can still vividly recount

SHE was barely 16, smart and considered a local beauty. So when a team of doctors visited her school and singled her out, Rosalia Nieves, now 79, thought they were going to make her an offer—a scholarship perhaps, or a sponsorship in a beauty contest?

"I thought they found me pretty," she confesses in Filipino. To her disappointment, they made her stay after class and examined her closely. "The doctors brought out some needles and started pricking me. It turned out that there were scores of pinpricks and that I did not feel most of them."

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The numbness confirmed her worst fear: She was afflicted with leprosy. For this Agoo, La Union native, the news was crushing. "Here I was, young and so smart I was accelerated every year until I finished high school at 14, and now I was going to be arrested because of leprosy."

Until the discovery in the mid-1980s of Multiple Drug Therapy, an effective treatment for leprosy or Hansen's Disease, people afflicted with what was then regarded as a Biblical scourge had to resign themselves to a life of stigma and isolation. Because the disease was then considered highly infectious and incurable, lepers were forcibly exiled to Culion island in Northern Palawan, which was converted into a leper colony in 1906. Segregation was considered the only way to contain this chronic disease. Roving teams of doctors monitored public school children, and bounty hunters set off to hunt down those who evaded the health authorities.

The doctors were on the look out for "whitish skin lesions, or reddish ones that felt numb," recounts Dr. Arturo Cunanan, head of the Culion Leprosy Control and Rehabilitation Program, who grew up in the island and recalled being examined every six months by doctors from the sanitarium. "If you have suspicious skin lesions, you were examined more frequently, perhaps every three months. All of us here in Culion during those days had a clinical chart."

Fortunately for the young Nieves, she was taking a two-year writing course in Dapitan, Pangasinan where an uncle was mayor and a grandfather a judge. "They could not just ship me out to Culion; my relatives were prominent citizens."

Several diplomatic discussions later, she was brought to Manila's San Lazaro Hospital for further testing. "I was shocked to see the other patients. *Nakakadiri sila.* (They were repulsive)," Nieves recalls. "I demanded my own room and refused to drink the water in the hospital." Her parents and Manila-based relatives had to bring her food and drink every time they visited.

When the second world war broke out, Nieves managed to escape from the hospital and made her way back to Pangasinan. The Japanese soldiers took kindly to her, she claims, because she was fair-skinned and chinky-eyed. Wrapped in a shawl, she managed to convince them she was feverish and hitched a ride in their cargo truck. She married a guerrilla during the war and had children with him. "I breastfed them but fortunately, they were not infected," she says.

When her husband died, Nieves lived at the Tala Leprosarium in Caloocan, where she married a second time. "He was a patient like me, a carpenter from Pampanga," she says. Their daughter was taken from her and put into a nursery where she could visit, but was not allowed to touch, her baby. At that time, children were separated from their Hansenite parents at birth, with some of them brought to Welfareville in Manila for adoption. When Nieves' second husband died in Tala, she set off for Culion in 1962 and shortly after, married another patient who died in 1976. They did not have any children.

Her life in Culion was very productive, claims Nieves. "I became a representative of the Ilocanos to the Culion Advisory Council from 1962 to 1965, and became chair of the council starting 1966. I served for three terms."

The Council, which gave the Hansenites a voice in decision-making in the colony, was a vast improvement over the erstwhile restricted life of Culion patients. To prevent the spread of the disease, patients at the sanitarium were virtually held hostage, not even allowed the use of boats for fear that they might run away.

A large gate separated the colony from the "clean" district of Balala, recalls former Hansenite Hilarion Guia, who eventually became Culion's first elected mayor. A disinfectant solution at the gate made sure that outsiders and visitors did not carry the bacteria with them when they left. A stamp pad also marked off outsiders as they entered the gate to differentiate them from leprosy patients, Guia adds.

Like Nieves, most patients had to deal with the traumatic side effects of leprosy medication, among them chaulmoogra oil extracted from a tree native to India. The leprosy-causing virus discovered by Armauer Hansen in 1873 proved resistant to treatment, which can take as long as 10 to 20 years. Explains Dr. Cunanan of the patients' reluctance to undergo the regimen, "A normal human being cannot even finish a seven-day course of antibiotics, how much more for 10-20 years of treatment?" he asks.

The breakthrough came in 1976, when the WHO Expert Committee on Leprosy discovered MDT or the multidrug therapy, which was introduced in Culion in 1987. MDT has a shorter treatment period of from six months to two years. Although it can no longer correct

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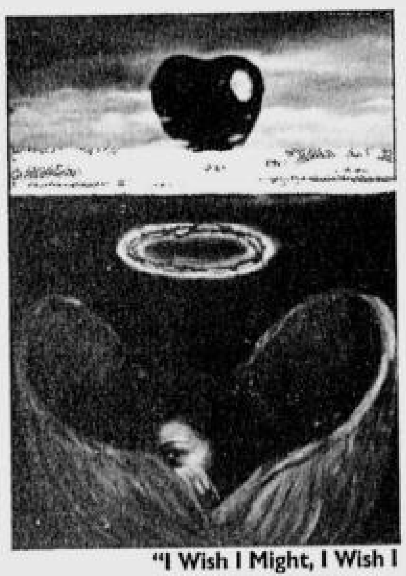
This Week

Art

Art for Zen, a fund-raising art exhibit for Bahay Dalangin Zendo, until Feb. 26 at Art Room, Studio Gallery, G/F, ELJ Building, ABS-CBN, Quezon City.

Sybaritic Dissonance, an exhibit of paintings by Kiko Escora, on view at Alliance Francaise de Manille Totalfinaelf Gallery, 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati City until Feb. 28.



"I Wish I Might, I Wish I May" by Lily Avila-Wuzela, on view at Hiraya Gallery

Project No. 3 from the Design Office of Conrado Velasco, an exhibit of dramatic black and white photographs by Conrado Velasco at Finale Art Gallery, 4/L, SM Megamall A until Feb. 26 .

Korean artist **Kang Jong Yeol** depicts a new meaning of the sea and the world in his recent works at the Artistree Fine Art Gallery, Level 6 of Shangri-La Plaza Mall until Feb. 28.

TWENTY/twenty, a series of abstract oil on canvas works by Alvin Villaruel, until March 7 at Mag:net+, The Loop, ABS-CBN Compound, Eugenio Lopez Jr., Street, QC.

Interiors, Explosions, Revelations, a three-man exhibit by Deborah Del-Pan, Lily (Avila-Wuzela) and Teresita C. Mapua, from Feb. 16-March 9 at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Ave., Ermita, Manila.

Densities: Making Sense of Dense Cities, an interactive, multimedia work by five teams of Filipino visual artists led by the artistic team of Imelda Cajipe-Endaya, Sid Gomez-Hildawa, Claro Ramirez and Michael Muñoz, opens Feb. 18 at the CCP's front lawn on Roxas Boulevard and will run until March 18.

A scene from Gantimpala's production of "Wanted: A Chaperon"

Music

The **28th International Bamboo Organ Festival** will open at the Las Piñas Church on Feb. 21 showcasing Filipino and foreign artists performing diverse programs of local and Western music. Noted Belgian organist Jan Van Mol and soprano Cristel de Meulder will grace the festival opening. All concerts start at 8 p.m. Tickets available at Las Piñas Church, SM Ticketnet, CCP Box Office and Landmark. For details, call 825-7190 and 826-7718 or check out the festival website at http://bamboo.diegocera.com.

Vernie Varga and The CompanY are the featured artists in the Crossover concert at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental Manila on Feb. 20, 8 p.m. For details, call 758-8888 ext. 2220.

Sopranos Joscephine Gomez and Thea Perez, assisted by pianist Carlos Perion, will sing well-loved light arias and duets from Mozart and Puccini operas, Neapolitan, German, Filipino and Spanish love songs, as well as contemporary hits in **Only Love**, an intimate Valentine dinner concert tonight at 6:30 at the Manansala Ballroom of the Manila Galleria Suites, ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City. For tickets, call 687-7898.

Enjoy love-filled evenings at the **Top of the Century** of the Century Park Hotel this month featuring pianists Ronnie Francisco (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) and Anthony Pagarian (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For details, call 528-8888 loc. 2379.

Cinema

Pelikula at Lipunan celebrates its 10th year with electrifying foreign films at SM Megamall Cinema until Feb. 18. Movies to be screened are "*El Crimen del Padre Amaro* (The Crime of Father Amaro)," "All About Lily Chou Chou," "Hush," "A Transistor Love Story," Golden Globe winner "The Hours" and "Punch-Drunk Love." The film festival will then move to SM Iloilo on Feb. 21-22 and Baguio on Feb. 28-March 1. For details, call 727-1915 and 723-4058.

Pen-ek Ratanaruang's hilarious "A Transistor Love Story" at *Pelikula at Lipunan* film festival

Onstage

Entablado, a socially-oriented theater organization in the Ateneo de Manila University, presents **Exodo**, a play on the seven different points of view on the near-obliteration of the Dumbiri tribe in Northern Luzon due to military operations, written by Rodolfo "Jun" Lana. Shows are ongoing at the Rizal Mini Theater, Ateneo de Manila University. For playdates, reservations, and other inquiries, call Angie at 0917-8429716 or Kaye at 426-6001 local 5121.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation presents a twinbill production of Severino Montano's **Parting at Calamba** and Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero's **Wanted: A Chaperon** on Feb. 21-23 at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo and on March 1 and 2 at the St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College. Performances at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For tickets, call 899-5745 and 896-3505.

Koiné Theater Foundation stages **Subtext**, a Palanca awardee for Literature by Niel de Mesa on the banes and boons of texting, Feb. 21, 22 and 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Quickstep Studio, 2/F, Forab Building, 121 Kamuning Road, QC. For tickets, call 410-4485.

Larawang Kapilas-Puso, a children's musical adapted from a romantic Japanese folktale, runs at the Rizal Conference Hall of the Saint Raymound Building, University of Sto. Tomas from Feb. 20-22. For tickets, call Marianne at 0919-8453662 or Madz at 363-8280.

Lesbian Diaries, Gay Memoirs, a unique gender-bending mobile lounge act that speaks from the honest hearts of members of the third sex, to be staged at the Culture Club along E. Rodriguez Avenue, Libis, QC on Feb. 20 at 10 p.m. For details, call 721-3178 and 722-4205.

Atbp

The National Museum and the Asia Rice Foundation will hold **Rice in the Seven Arts Symposium** on Feb. 20-22. The symposium aims to boost public understanding on how rice has contributed to our arts and culture. For details, call 527-1215.

The Center for Health and Creative Arts holds its monthly **Hingahan Group Sharing** with the theme "Angels & Romance" facilitated by Nonoy Ozaeta on Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m. at 59 Salvador St., Loyola Heights, QC. For reservations, call 434-5381.

Solaenum Publishing Manila invites everyone to attend its literary lectures on the following dates: Feb. 21 (Poetry in English and Filipino); Feb. 28 (Fiction in English and Filipino); March 7 (Creative Writing Non-fiction in English and Filipino); March 14 (Creative Writing Drama and Film). Lectures to be held at Sta. Maria Conference Room, Discovery Suites from 7-11 p.m. For pre-registration, call (0916)7320993 or email solaenumpub@hotmail.com.

Photoworks, a six-day photography workshop starting Feb. 27, every Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. at 14/F, 6780 Ayala Avenue, Makati City. For details, call Leo Castillo at 0917-9580818 or email leocast@yahoo.com.

There will be a **Hands-on Introductory Course on Polyester resin** (figurine making, fiberglass, stained glass, lamination, encapsulation and synthetic granite) on Feb. 20-22. For details, call Polymer Products at 671-9837.

The Alcove Photo Gallery offers **Photo 101: Photography for Beginners**, a basic photo workshop at the Filipinas Heritage Library. Batch 1 will be on Feb. 19, 20, 24, 15 and 26; Batch 2 on March 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12 from 6-9 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For details, call Cecille at 892-1801 or email events@fillib.org.ph.

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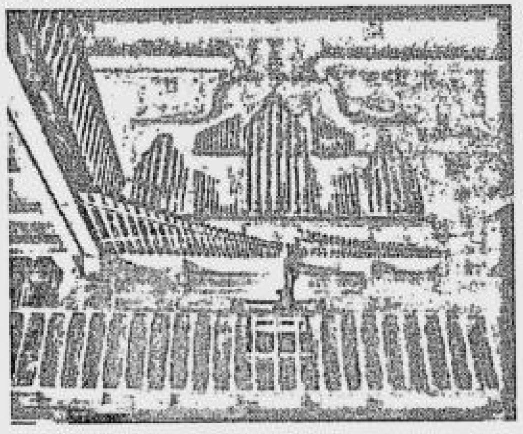
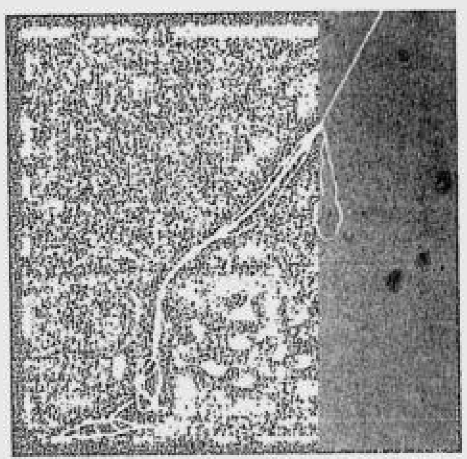


Likhang Sining, an on-the-spot painting competition at the Ayala Museum Galleries, will be held on March 1. Entrants must be sponsored by a Rotary Club or an Interact Club of the school where he or she is presently enrolled and endorsed by the principal or art teacher. Entry forms are available at the nearest Rotary office or at the Ayala Museum, 3/L, Glorietta 2. For details, call 813-4485 or 753-3098.



Conrado Velasco's photography exhibit, on view at Finale Art Gallery

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World Teach's **Vision of the Leader seminar-workshop** will be held on Feb. 23, 1-7 p.m. at the ACCM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. Seminar fee is P295 inclusive of snacks, certificate and course workbook. Reservations accepted until Feb. 22. For details, call 823-2615.

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The Religious Education Department of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, Cavite will stage ***RC3: Isang Pagdiriwang ng Buhay***, a multimedia benefit concert on the sacraments, on Feb. 21 at Palaruang La Salle. For details, call (046) 416-4531 loc. 3112.

Visit Island Cove in Kawit, Cavite and avail yourself of its **Romantic Interlude**, special Valentine hotel room packages until Feb. 28. The hotel packages come with overnight accommodation and breakfast for two, swimming and fun activities plus surprise romantic perks for P2,500 on weekdays and P2,900 on weekends. For details, call (046)434-0219 or (02)810-3740.

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Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

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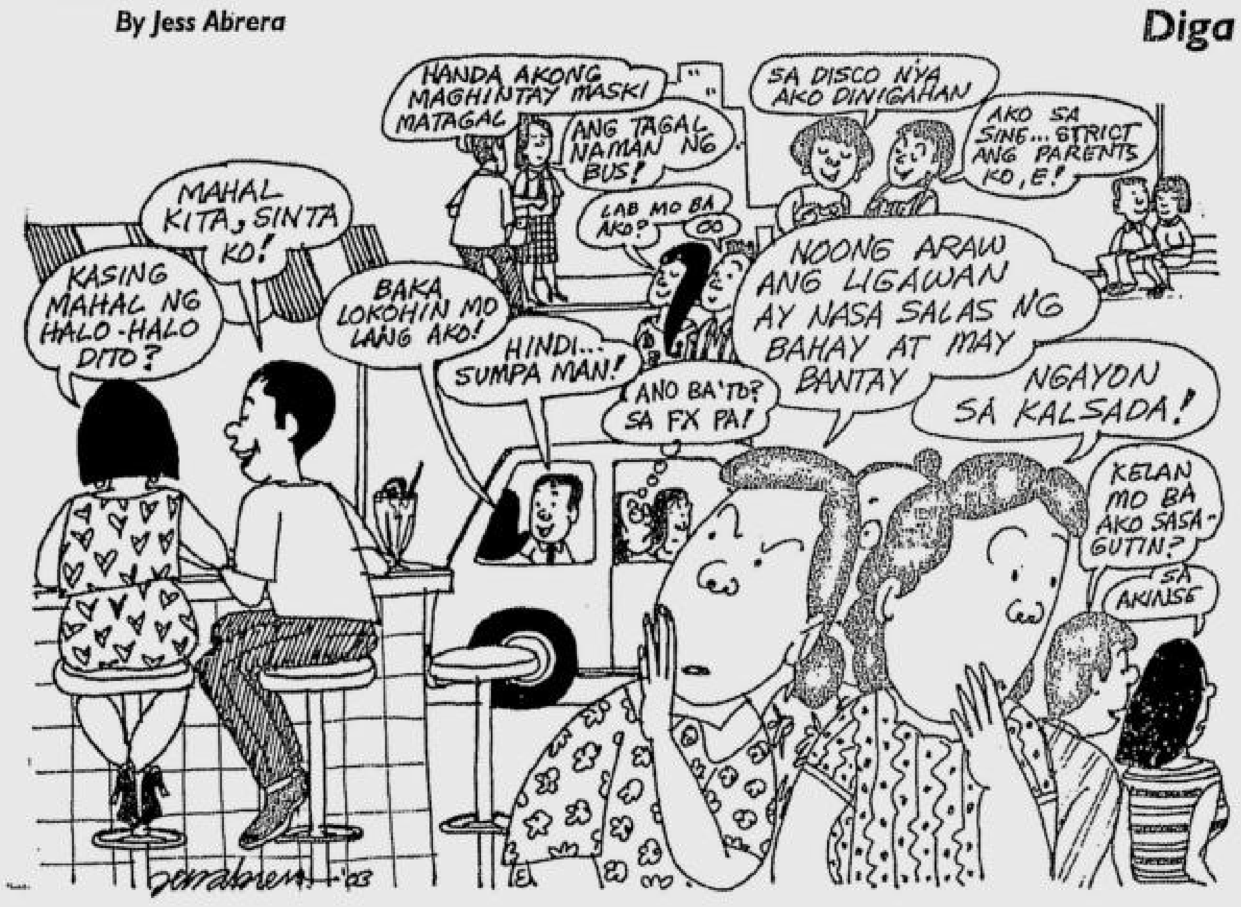

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the deformities that patients developed before it was introduced, MDT stops leprosy infection after only two years and in mild cases, only six months.

Ironically, the success of MDT proved to be a bane to Nieves and other Culion patients. With Hansenites no longer deemed contagious and allowed to go back to their families, the sanitarium was converted into a general hospital. While free medication is still available from mobile skin clinics or health centers, the patients' subsidies, which the government used to entice Hansenites to stay on the island, had been cut off. The ration of free housing, food, medication, water and electricity, are now given only to those who, because of age or leprosy-related disabilities, are unable to support themselves.

Although several NGOs have stepped in to provide former Hansenites a steady source of income (among them ANESVAD and the Culion Foundation, Inc.), most former patients have resisted the calls to self-reliance. Sniffs former Hansenite and school principal Cresencio Rosello, 65, "We were cast adrift in a world that might not yet be ready to accept us."

These days, says Nieves, she only receives several kilos of rice a week and a P1,500 food allowance from the government, a measly sum that she says she used to supplement by loaning out money and charging a small interest. The penpal industry has waned, she says of the notorious island-bred scam that for the longest time supported many Hansenite families in luxury. That all started when some patients, seeing how the early American missionaries in the sanitarium wrote letters asking for donations abroad, appropriated the same strategy to supplement their rations. Weaving tales of deprivation and government neglect, not a few lepers dispatched begging letters to random addresses picked off from local and international phone books to solicit cash, books, medicine, clothing and other forms of assistance. The resulting industry that flourished in the '60s and '70s reflected the widely-held attitude among Hansenites that their disease entitled them to extraordinary privileges and largesse.

Grumbles Nieves, who claims she had never indulged in the profitable practice, "Even non-patients made up stories and a lot of donors were victimized." Now a member of the charismatic Pentecostal group, Nieves' religious fervor has not dulled her grudge against Culion's young municipal government. "Culion is for lepers; the government has a responsibility to take care of us," she says, pointing to new settlers in Culion as interlopers who have taken over what most Hansenites consider their private bounty.

Life used to be good, she says. "But with the reduced subsidy, I can hardly support my family. I used to loan out money at a small interest but I'm too sick to do that now."

Apparently for Nieves and other former Hansenites, the disease's legacy of exclusion remains. Q

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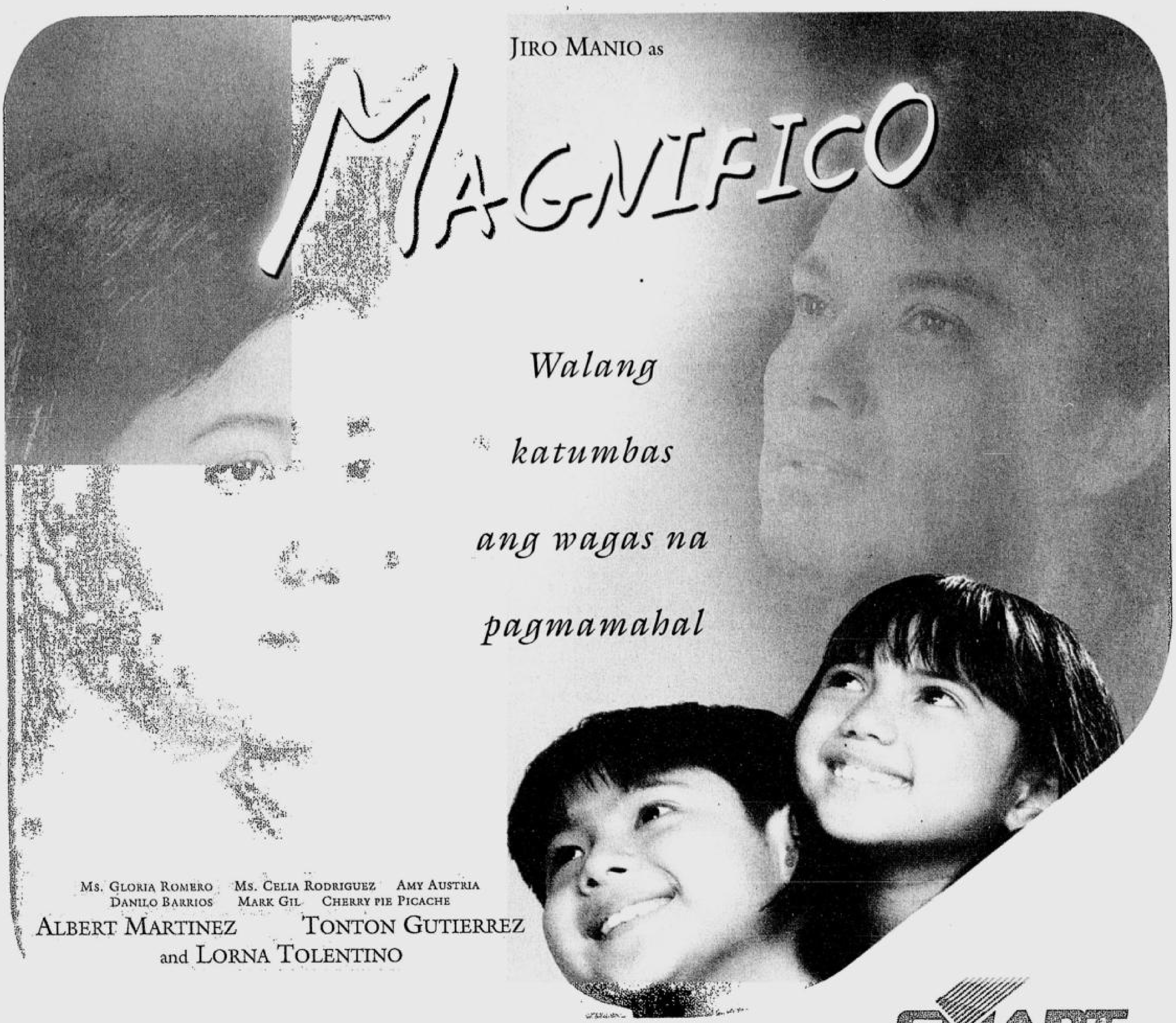
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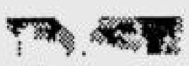
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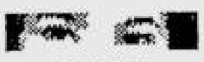
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